

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN OR STRENGTHEND THE EXISTING RULES R 400.5101 THROUGH R 400.5940 THAT GOVERN CHILD CARE CENTERS AND RESCIND THE PROPOSED RULES R 400-5101 THROUGH R 400.5555

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing to eliminate the existing rules that guide child care centers and replace them with rules that will endanger the health and safety of children; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the current rules would mean the end of enforceable guidelines on hand washing, safe handling of baby formula and milk, dispensing prescription medicine to children, providing indoor and outdoor play space and handling of soiled diapers; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed rules will let child care centers make their own guidelines so long as they are written; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the proposed administrative rules, the state will not longer have enforceable regulations in which to ensure the protection of children and provide them with a safe environment; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioner's has Children's Well Being as a priority; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Governor and legislators to maintain or strengthen the existing rules R 400.5101 through R 400.5940 that govern child care centers and rescind the proposed rules R 400-5101 through R 400.5555

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the Washtenaw County representatives of the House, Senate and the Governor, Michigan Association of Counties and the remaining 83 Counties in the State of Michigan.