

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SALINE AREA SCHOOLS ON THEIR HONORABLE MENTION AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT – COMMUNITY WIDE PLANNING - SALINE AWARDED BY SEMCOG AND MAC

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, this is the fourth year of the SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the awards is to honor local units of government, school districts, and private or nonprofit organizations working together to provide outstanding joint public services within Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, proposals are review for at least two of the following- *Costs* – The public service demonstrates cost savings or avoidance of future costs to participate; *Continuing Impact* – The effort increased citizen awareness and appreciation of public services and/or benefits of intergovernmental cooperation. Communication and general collaboration among participating communities/school districts also improved; *Transferability* – The cooperative effort can be replicated by other communities/school districts; and

WHEREAS, the agencies nominated and receiving awards, make contributions to a widespread knowledge of cooperative methods for delivering public services, improving quality of life and conserving limited public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Saline Areas Schools has received an Honorable Mention Award for their efforts with the Community Wide Planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Community Wide Planning encompasses the City of Saline and Bridgewater, Lodi, Pittsfield and York Townships; and

WHEREAS, the Community Wide Planning objective was to invite citizens to participate in a series of meeting to provide input on how to address growth and the quality of life in their community; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, the building of shared facilities between schools and seniors and between schools and the area's are community has occurred; and

WHEREAS, in addition, they have built relationships with elected official and local leaders to continue with the "Sustainability Circle" to discuss regional planning issues

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby commends the Saline Area Schools on their Honorable Mention Award and wishes them continued success on their future endeavors