

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GUBERNATORIAL VETO OVERRIDE ON REVENUE SHARING

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, county government provides law enforcement, judicial administration, public health, mental health and environmental services, many of which are required by law; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature has continued to adopt laws which increase the responsibilities and costs of counties in providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the state constitution requires the state to provide funding for these mandates; and

WHEREAS, state revenue sharing has been a historical source of funds provided in support of the county's obligations to provide such required services; and

WHEREAS, the need for these services is continually greater than the amount of funds available to provide them; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2002 Governor John Engler vetoed ALL statutory state revenue sharing payments for fiscal year 2003; and

WHEREAS, this veto threatens the public safety environment and quality of life for all of Michigan citizens;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners supports and demands the Michigan Legislature override the Governor's veto and immediately restore this critical funding

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the Washtenaw County Legislators