

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MIKE SCORE OF MSU EXTENSION ON
RECEIPT OF THE INNOVATION COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM
THE MSU PRODUCT CENTER

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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WHEREAS, Washtenaw County Government worked in partnership with Washtenaw County MSU Extension to support Mike Score's position as an Agricultural Innovation Counselor;
and

WHEREAS, The MSU Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources was established to improve economic opportunities in the Michigan agriculture, food and natural resource sectors by assisting entrepreneurs in development and commercialization of high value, consumer-responsive products and businesses in the agriculture and natural resource sectors by providing technical expertise, research, outreach, and educational services; and

WHEREAS, Mike Score has provided business planning services to over 140 clients in Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Wayne counties since the MSU Product Center was established in 2004;

WHEREAS, Mike Score works to stimulate and support change in how the food system operates by creating an interface to the entrepreneurial community by providing diverse food system entrepreneurs with access to market information and tools, business development support, educational opportunities, and access to a network of food system experts and resource providers; and

WHEREAS, Mike Score provides numerous educational and training programs for entrepreneurs, and assisted six entrepreneurs in launching new ventures; and

WHEREAS, Mike Score was instrumental in the formation the Food System Economic Partnership (FSEP), a nonprofit organization launched in 2005 to catalyze change in the food system of Southeastern Michigan which provides research, education and outreach with urban and rural partnerships, resulting in agricultural development opportunities, sustainable communities, and healthy local economies; and

WHEREAS, Mike Score received a 2007 Innovation Counselor of the Year Award from the MSU Product Center and has been instrumental in the center's success;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates Mike Score of Washtenaw County MSU Extension as a recipient of the first Innovation Counselor of the Year Award from the MSU Product Center and wishes him continued success on the important services and programs he provides to the community.