

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in September of 2018, residents of the communities surrounding the St. Joseph Harbor participated in the Sustainable Harbors Initiative sponsored by the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, these participants recommended creating new recreational and commercial access to the Harbor, with the goal of improving mobility and stimulating new business growth; and

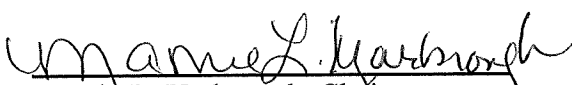
WHEREAS, to support these recommendations and goals, Cornerstone Alliance, the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, Abonmarche Consultants and the Berrien County Community Development have developed a project to install four watercraft access points along the St. Joseph River; and

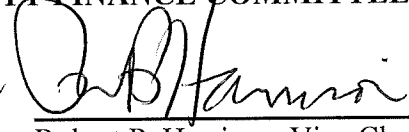
WHEREAS, this project is expected to cost \$350,000 and Cornerstone Alliance has committed to providing \$150,000 in matching funds; and


WHEREAS, the project partners have requested that Berrien County apply for a grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Waterways Grant in Aid Program for the remaining funding necessary for this project.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes applying for a DNR Waterways Grant for up to \$200,000 to assist in funding this project and authorizes the Community Development Director to execute any documents necessary for this application.

**Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**


Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson


Robert P. Harrison, Vice Chairman


Ezra A. Scott


Jon Hinkelman

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
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