TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized resolution #C1210195 on October 11, 2012 which approved raising funds for the improvement, maintenance or acquisition of public parks through an ad valorem property tax levy on property as allowed under Public Act 90; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved the renewal of the Berrien County Parks Millage through 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Parks system offers an opportunity for county residents to enjoy the benefit of living in Michigan’s Great Southwest as well as attracting visitors from all over the world with a positive tourist and economic development impact of over $5 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County Parks are maintained, improved, administered and acquired through a variety of fees, charges, grants, donations and the Public Act 90 tax levy; and

WHEREAS, resolution #P1504130 authorized the Public Act 90 tax levy through 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the renewal of the Berrien County Parks Millage to be assessed upon all property within the County of Berrien, in the amount of 0.1 mills ($0.10 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years (2020-2023).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the estimated revenue that is expected to be generated by this levy will be $825,291 in 2020.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

William J. Chickering, Chairperson

David Vollrath, Vice-Chairperson

Teri Sue Freehling