

February 24, 2022

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

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) is used to distribute Federal Homeland Security Grant funds to Regional Homeland Security Boards (RHSB), boards that are responsible for establishing a fiduciary body to further distribute these grant funds to local bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County is designated as being in Michigan’s Region 5, where the Region 5 Homeland Security Board (R5HSB) has been established for the purpose of administrating the SHSGP therein; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Buren County had a long relationship with the R5HSB to serve as the fiduciary agent of record for the R5HSB, and on June 17, 2021, under resolution A2106245, the Berrien County Board of Commission approved an intergovernmental agreement with Van Buren County to participate in the 2020 SHSGP; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Buren County assessed their position to serve as the fiduciary agent for the 2020 SHSGP and has made a decision to withdraw from the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph County has agreed to become the R5HSB fiduciary agent and has presented a new intergovernmental agreement to Berrien County to enter into, with the changes solely related to deleting Van Buren County and adding St. Joseph County; with no other changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners hereby withdraws from the inter-governmental agreement made between Van Buren County and Berrien County under Resolution A2106245 and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board and the County Administrator to execute the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental funding agreement with St. Joseph County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinator shall be responsible for executing and implementing all terms identified by the 2020 HSGP intergovernmental agreement after it is signed.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chairperson

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David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

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Don Meeks

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Julie Wuerfel

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administration <u>  <i>EV</i>  </u>	Date <u>  2-16-21  </u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel <u>  <i>TN</i>  </u>	Date <u>  2/16/22  </u>
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