



**THE HONORABLE BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZES
THE FOLLOWING:**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Carol Alberta Bartz was born in Benton Harbor and graduated from St. Joseph Public Schools in 1945; and

WHEREAS, she married Allen R. Stockman in 1946 and together they owned and operated the Stockman Farm in Royalton Township where they raised their five children; and

WHEREAS, following in her father's footsteps, she served as the Berrien County Treasurer from 1984-1996; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Treasurer, her office faced the challenge of sorting through the effects of the passage of Proposal A which changed the way public schools were funded by giving tax breaks to only full time residents; the challenge being the extra time needed to sort through each and every tax parcel in Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stockman was very involved in the Republican Party and also donated her time and talents to United Way, the Berrien County Association of Churches, the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen, and the Berrien County 4-H; and

WHEREAS, always having a focus on doing for others, she was the recipient of the 13th Annual Margaret B. Upton Volunteer Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, scarred by the loss of her grandson, she sought to help others similarly affected by drug addiction by establishing Voice. Change. Hope, a support group; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, she channeled that grief into action with the establishment of the Carol's Hope Engagement Center, a 24/7 service connecting those in need with resources and help; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Carol Stockman left this earth on June 21, 2022 at the age of 94; and


WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor her for her contributions to the betterment of the life of citizens here in Berrien County and the legacy she left behind.

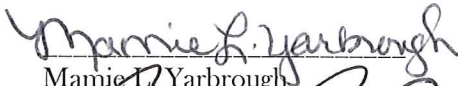
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors Carol Stockman for being a true asset to the citizens of Berrien County and send their condolences to her family during their time of grief.

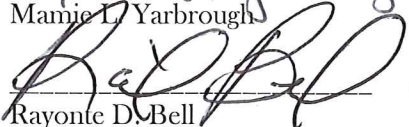
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that her life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon herself, her family, Berrien County, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

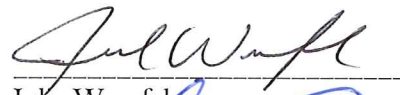
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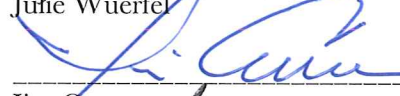

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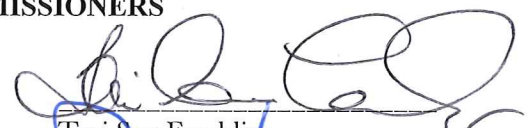

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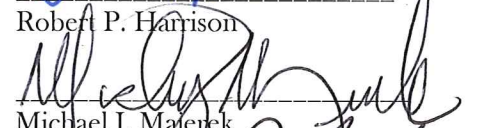

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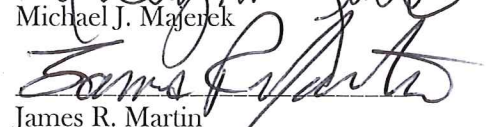

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