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Iosco County Board of Commissioners

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2013

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

WHEREAS, the Promise Zone Initiative is a Federal Program with a stated objective of assisting in the transformation of the most economically depressed regions within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government intends to designate five regions as Promise Zone Regions in the United States each year for the next four years, said designations to last for a period of ten years from the date of designation; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon qualify and are eligible to apply and compete for said national designation; and

WHEREAS, Northern Transformation, which is an organization comprised of and represents the entities of the Eastern Michigan Council of Governments, Prima Civitas, and Michigan Works! Region 7B, which also includes the aforementioned six counties, intends to apply for designation as a Promise Zone Region; and

WHEREAS, one of the qualifying and competitive criteria for said application is the designation of Participating Partners, thereby increasing the potential positive regional impact of the Program; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Participating Partner within a designated Promise Zone Region provides said partners an advantage when applying for Federal Aid and Grant assistance; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs associated with the Participating Partner designation, therefore designation as a Participating Partner derives a benefit without risk or obligation, which is unquestionable in the best interests of the County while promoting and advancing the objectives of the Federal Program while economically advancing the Promise Zone Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Iosco County Board of Commissioners hereby direct its Administrator, Elite Shellenbarger, to take the steps and actions required to be designated as a Participating Partner of the

Northern Transformation initiative to apply for designation as a Promise Zone Region.

Move: Jeffrey Matthews

Support: D. Jay Jones

Roll Call: Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0