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RESOLUTION 11-05

INDUSTRIAL HEMP

WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to the non-drug oilseed and fiber varieties of *Cannabis* which are cultivated exclusively for fiber, stalk and seed. Industrial hemp is genetically distinct from the drug varieties of *Cannabis*, also known as marihuana. Industrial hemp has less than three tenths of one percent of the psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The flowering tops of industrial hemp cannot produce any drug effect when smoked or ingested; and

WHEREAS, the reluctance of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to permit industrial hemp farming is denying agricultural producers in this country the ability to benefit from a high-value, low-input crop, which can provide significant economic benefits to producers and manufacturers. The DEA has the authority under the Controlled Substance Act to allow Michigan to regulate industrial hemp farming under state law and without requiring individual federal applications and licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners that we memorialize Congress and the administration to recognize industrial hemp as a valuable agricultural commodity and to take steps to remove barriers in order to encourage the commercial production of this crop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation to regulate industrial hemp farming under state laws and regulations without requiring federal applications, licenses or fees.

PRESENT

Commissioner Brock Baggett
Commissioner Barry Danks
Commissioner Margaret D'Agostino
Commissioner Albert LaFleche
Commissioner Daryl Peterson

ABSENT

On a motion by Commissioner Brock Baggett and seconded by Chairman Barry Danks

Yea 4

Nay 1

I, Cheryl Neilsen, County Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on May 25, 2011.

The signature of Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk, in cursive ink.

Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk

