

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2013-05

IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO IMPROVE MICHIGAN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS, let it be known that Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to the maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are consistently ranked among the nation's worst; and

WHEREAS, one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan can be linked, in part, to poor road conditions; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's gas tax – the user fee that is primary source of transportation funding – has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation, is equal to that which was collected in 1974; and

WHEREAS, we risk a future fiscal crisis if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently, 32 percent of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018, this number is expected to jump to more than 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, bringing a road from poor to good pavement condition costs 6 times more than it does to bring a road from fair to good condition; and

WHEREAS, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to fix Michigan's roads and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash – related deaths per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby urges Governor Snyder and Michigan legislators to save taxpayer dollars, save lives, and improve our economy by making the necessary investments to repair our roads and bridges so that our transportation systems can function at peak performance.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2013.



Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on April 15, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this April 16, 2013 at Munising, Michigan.




Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk