

RESOLUTION #2015-05

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE IN ALGER COUNTY**

WHEREAS the State of Michigan, Family Independence Agency now known as the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been a tenant of the County of Alger since before 1978;

WHEREAS the County of Alger incurred considerable long-term debt to enlarge its courthouse in 1998 by approximately 20% to accommodate the needs of the DHHS through the sale of bonds in excess of one million;

WHEREAS imminent failure of outdated equipment created a need to refinance said bonds in 2011—extending the term of the mortgage to 2026;

WHEREAS the State of Michigan now wishes to sever the long standing partnership between DHHS and Alger County which Alger County depends on to repay the debt incurred on the Department's behalf;

WHEREAS the closure of the Alger County DHHS office would adversely impact the in-need population of Alger County and—despite what Bob Wheaton was quoted in the May 28, 2015 Lansing State Journal as saying—is NOT “putting people first”.

WHEREAS local sources indicate there are few or no community partners available, and both privacy for clients and safety for children will be lost;

WHEREAS the loss of the lease payment would result in a deficit within the Alger County budget of over \$100,000 and impose the need for reduction in critical services;

WHEREAS the Alger County general fund balance is well below the recommended 60-day operational budget. The Alger County general fund budget for 2015 is \$3.7 million, so \$100,000 is significant;



WHEREAS Alger County will honor its debts and keep the promises made.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Alger County respectfully requests that Governor Rick Snyder and our State of Michigan Legislature keep the promises the State has made and restore and maintain the funding for the Department of Health and Human Services in Alger County.

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 June 15, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this November 12, 2015 at Munising, Michigan.

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk