

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #2019-16

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MICHIGAN LAUNCH INITIATIVE
AT SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

WHEREAS, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association has organized the Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI) for establishing spaceport operations and command center facilities within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, multiple aerospace companies have plans to launch thousands of satellites into low Earth orbit (LEO); and

WHEREAS, the MLI will provide a collaborative platform for academia, industry, and governmental agencies to provide LEO and hypersonic launch technology for commercial and defense applications, with a priority to establish and launch a satellite launch facility and command center in Northern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact on the area is estimated to be \$8 million annually with an estimated job creation between 500-1,000; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer and the surrounding County forest land is uniquely positioned for the site requirements to allow for a polar orbit satellite launch facility, low-density population, extensive restricted airspace, Interstate highway system accessible, engineering and manufacturing capacity, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Launch Initiative requires \$750,000 for performing an initial (Phase I) evaluation of the site and developing support objectives, which include Technical Case Development, Site Location Review and Development Planning, Business Case Development, and Legal Services

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners does hereby appeal to the State of Michigan to support the establishment of spaceport operations at Sawyer International Airport by investing \$750,000 in Michigan Launch Initiative's efforts to perform Phase I site Investigations and developing start-up objectives

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: June 17, 2019

