RESOLUTION 2014-08 ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF
ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION TF14-0093
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2.1-ACRES OF PROPERTY
AS PART OF THE BLUE WATER RIVER WALK ALONG THE ST. CLAIR RIVER
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PORT HURON
FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A COUNTY PARK
& COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of St. Clair County has encouraged St. Clair County to pursue the acquisition of an additional 2.1 acres of vacant land as part of the Blue Water River Walk along the St. Clair River in the City of Port Huron; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission would like to acquire the property and develop the site as a fully accessible county park to support recreational activities along the St. Clair River including shoreline fishing, walking, picnicking and facilities to serve Bridge to Bay Trail users; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan Acquisition Goals which propose to "Continue to work in concert with Acheson Ventures to promote public access along the shoreline portion of its property in downtown Port Huron"; to "Pursue the acquisition of new properties that are culturally and/or naturally significant in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan"; and to provide "Opportunities for water access and a system of water trails"; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to approve the submission of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application number TF14-0093 for a \$118,400.00 grant with a \$41,600.00 local match constituting 26% from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of an acquisition grant application with a 26% local match of \$41,600.00 from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage, to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to purchase 2.1-acres of land as part of the Blue Water River Walk along the St. Clair River in the City of Port Huron.

Dated:

March 20, 2014

Reviewed and Approved by:

Board of Commissioners:

GARY FLETCHER

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