RESOLUTION 2015-23 ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO AMEND A LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION TF15-0064 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 25.99-ACRES OF PROPERTY ON THE BELLE RIVER LOCATED IN COLUMBUS TOWNSHIP FOR EXPANSION OF COLUMBUS COUNTY PARK & COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission would like to acquire the property adjacent to Columbus County Park and expand nature trails, walking trails and mountain biking trails through the property along with fishing access sites and an expanded hunting area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan Acquisition Goals which propose to acquire new properties that are adjacent to existing county parks and in appropriate locations that are culturally and/or naturally significant in conjunction with the Southeast Michigan Greenways Plan and the Michigan Natural Features Inventory; and to provide opportunities for water access; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approved the submission of MNRTF grant application number 15-0064 for a \$69,500.00 grant with a \$24,500.00 local match constituting 26%; and

WHEREAS, in order to improve the grant application score and improve the county's chances to receive a grant award, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has committed to increasing the local match to 30% from the County Parks and Recreation millage in amount the amount of \$28,200.00; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners formally authorizes the submission of an acquisition grant application amendment to pledge a 30% local match to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of \$28,200.00 to purchase 25.99-acres of land adjacent to Columbus County Park on the Belle River in Columbus Township.

Dated: October 1, 2015

Reviewed and Approved as to Form by:

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