RESOLUTION 2016-07 ST.CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND AND THE MDNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERPRETIVE WALKWAY THROUGH THE COASTAL WETLAND OF THE BLUE WATER RIVER WALK

WHEREAS, St. Clair County constructed a coastal wetland adjacent to the Blue Water River Walk along the St. Clair River in Port Huron in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the wetland plan that was developed and permitted for the project also includes an interpretive walkway through the wetland as phase two; and

WHEREAS, the Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant that paid for the construction of the wetland did not cover the construction of the interpretive walkway; and

WHEREAS, the proposed interpretive walkway is part of the Blue Water River Walk Master Plan developed by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County and consistent with the St. Clair County Master Recreation Plan 2012-2016; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission adopted resolution 2016-02 supporting the submission of the grant applications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of a \$45,000 grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the MDNR Recreation Passport grant programs for the construction of an ADA interpretive walkway for public access through the wetland for educational, recreational and health benefits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to provide the required matching funds from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage in the amount of \$45,000.

Dated:

Reviewed and Approved by:

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