RESOLUTION 23-10

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) SPARK PROGRAM FUND

A DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR INCLUSIVE PLAY FEATURES AT NORTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK AND THE COMMITMENT OF COUNTY MILLAGE FUNDS AND LOCAL DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, St. Clair County desires to provide quality public parks and recreational facilities that are creative, safe and accessible to everyone, regardless of physical challenges; and

WHEREAS, North Channel County Park improvements would continue the community's desire to have a waterfront park along the Bridge to Bay Regional Trail that includes accessible and inclusive play features for children of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for such improvements is approximately \$225,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the recently approved 2022-2026 Comprehensive Master Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Clair County is eligible to make applications to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Spark Program Fund for consideration of a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to be combined with a local match of \$25,000 from the annual county millage funds and any private or public donations; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on June 1, 2023, at a St. Clair County Board of Commissioner's meeting to receive public comments on the proposed grant application; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission has voted to recommend that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners approve the submission of the development grant application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to provide the local match funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage and also any private or public donations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners also authorizes the submission of a development grant application in the amount of \$200,000 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Spark Program Fund in order to provide and promote accessible and inclusive play features at North Channel County Park.

Dated: June 15, 2023

Reviewed and Approved As To Form By:

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