

COUNTY OF ST CLAIR
RESOLUTION 24- 08 RE: ELECTION INTEGRITY

The Board of Commissioners having met in Regular Session this 4th day of April 2024, to present a formal Resolution in support of local decentralized management of elections conducted by sworn locally elected election clerks throughout this States townships and municipalities in order to assure the honesty and integrity of local elections with functional and historic balloting polling and election administration practices and procedures within our County, State and Country, and toward that end we further state;

WHEREAS St Clair County Board of Commissioners is aware of the public interest and public concerns regarding election integrity within our County, State and Country and the desire by the public that their elected officials take lawful and appropriate action to safeguard the integrity of our local elections.

WHEREAS being at all times mindful that a the Michigan Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan vest all authority to conduct local elections in the offices of our sworn locally elected election clerks within this States 1520 cities, and townships. As such they are free to choose any method or procedures to conduct the elections and the counting of votes not specifically prohibited by law which would include maintaining voter rolls and poll books of their respective qualified voters independent from any record maintained by the state in the form of written physical records able to be readily verified by local election clerk staff and the public using the proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with verifiable balloting procedures using paper ballots and requiring proper voter identification.

WHEREAS, St Clair County Board of Commissioners recognizes that this Board possesses only those powers expressly conferred by state statute and cannot act outside those powers in any manner that infringes upon the rights and duties of the sworn locally elected election clerks within our County.

WHEREAS, St Clair County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the use of electronic voting methods such as such as Optical Scan Paper Ballot Systems, Direct Recovery Electronic (ie touch screen) Systems and Electronic Ballot Marking Systems has by their very nature of electronics introduced the opportunity for manipulation of electronically collected voting tabulation data that can erode the public's confidence in our election system without proper safeguards, voting record audits or other forms of verification at a local level.

WHEREAS The St Clair County Board of Commissioners supports the principal that the local election process in St Clair County shall at all times be lawful, transparent, trustworthy and accurate producing timely local election results determinations and secured administration of local elections.

WHEREAS the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners desires to protect the rights of all legally registered voters and the integrity of each lawful vote in accordance with the Michigan Constitution Article II, §4,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners supports continuing our long history of a decentralized election process conducted by locally elected election clerks within our cities, and townships.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners opposes means of voting that do not have thorough local security measures in place. St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages our local and state election officials to use as a secure ballot system, in addition to any other electronic voting system that may be required by state or federal law, additional local methods and procedures producing election results that are fully verifiable at a local level, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages our County, City and Township Election Clerks to employ a system of secure and transparent hand-counting ballot procedures able to be readily verified by locally maintained paper voting records and that such methods, and procedures are well planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the representatives of registered parties for geographically defined local elections.


BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages our state legislatures to pass election laws and rules that preserve our decentralized election system within the State of Michigan and that ensures every voter is verified to be the actual voter they purport to be regardless of method in which they vote at the time of voting, casting, or delivering a ballot in order to qualify to vote in any election ;

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages our state legislatures to pass election laws and rules reestablishing same day only voting with the reporting of results immediately upon the counting of votes cast at the conclusion of each election on election day and prohibiting time periods for early and unlimited vote-by-mail procedures.

BE IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commission encourages our state legislatures to pass election laws and rules that requires and continues a decentralized local management of the local election process to be conducted by locally elected election officials within each county, township and municipality respectively.

BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners encourages our state legislatures and governor to enact election laws and rules that establishes a legal duty for each of the locally elected county election officer and those election officers within this States cities, and townships to maintain voter rolls and poll books of their respective qualified voters independent from any record maintained by the state to be in the form of written physical records able to be readily verified at the local level thereby returning to the simple and proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with verifiable balloting procedures using paper ballots, within fair, reasonable limited time periods, using proper voter identification to strengthen the public's confidence and to ensure that our local election procedures are fair, secure and transparent;

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Jeffery Bohm Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, sets his hand and causes the seal of the county of St. Clair, Stet of Michigan, to be affixed on the 18th day of April 2024.



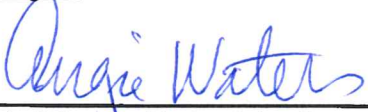
Jeffery Bohm Chairman of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

County of St. Clair)

I, Angie Waters, Clerk of the County of St. Clair and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting on 4-4-24.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of St. Clair this 18th day of April 2024 at Port Huron, Michigan.



Angie Waters, Clerk of the County of St. Clair