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# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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March 6, 2018



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

March 6, 2018

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting on **March 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Board of Commissioners Room, second floor, County Administration Building, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the purpose of considering the following items:

	<i>Projected Time for Presentation &amp; Discussion</i>
1. Review of Transfers and Disbursements (Item O.) – <i>Ms. Amanda Morse</i>	4:00 – 4:05 p.m.
2. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Loan for the Economic Development Corporation of Kalamazoo County – <i>Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt</i>	4:05 – 4:15 p.m.
3. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Loan & Grant – Vicksburg Paper Mill Project (Item N.) – <i>Ms. Lotta Jarnefelt</i>	4:15 – 4:30 p.m.
4. Resolution to Support 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Residential Opportunities Inc. – <i>Commissioner Scott McGraw</i>	4:30 – 4:35 p.m.
5. Resolution to Support Autism Month – <i>Commissioner Scott McGraw</i>	4:35 – 4:40 p.m.
6. Any other items	4:40 – 5:30 p.m.
7. Closed Session -	
8. Adjournment	

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## RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS AND DISBURSEMENTS 3/6/2018

### DISBURSEMENTS

#### CLAIMS

Claims	\$ 1,593,325.42
Claims Requiring Disclosure:	-
<b>Total Current Claims:</b>	<b>\$ 1,593,325.42</b>

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

Kalamazoo County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services 1st Quarter 2018 Appropriation Distribution	101-649-969.00 024746	\$ 387,600.00
Kalamazoo County Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services 1st Quarter 2018 Homeless Shelter Appropriation Distribution	101-649-969.06 024746	\$ 16,900.00
Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission 1st Quarter 2018 Housing Assistance Fund Millage Distribution	225-000-969.05 020319	\$ 204,300.00
<b>Total Release of Funds:</b>		<b>\$ 221,200.00</b>

### TRANSFERS

DEPARTMENT/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	DECREASE	INCREASE
None			



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## BOARD AGENDA REQUEST FORM

**PROPOSED FOR BOARD MEETING OF:** 3/6/2018 COW and 3/20/2018 BOC

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development

**PREPARED BY:** Lotta Jarnefelt, Director, and Rachael Grover,  
Resource Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners'  
Resolution to support the Economic Development  
Corporation of Kalamazoo County (EDC) application  
and acceptance of a Michigan Department of  
Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Loan for \$115,000  
for environmental response activities at a site in the  
City of Portage.

### **SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Economic Development Corporation of Kalamazoo County (EDC) respectfully requests that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners pass a Resolution in support of the EDC applying for and accepting \$115,000 in Loan funds from the MDEQ. As required by the MDEQ, the resolution must be adopted by the county under which the EDC was formed.

### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTION (dollar amount, purpose):**

As required by the MDEQ, the resolution must be adopted by the county under which the EDC was formed. The EDC will only accept and expend Loan funds once a Loan Reimbursement has been executed with the developer, Jhamin, LLC, and collateral for the Loan has been provided in form and substance as approved by the KCBRA and Kalamazoo County (a Letter of Credit).

**1. March 6, 2018 – in the Committee of the Whole –**

The EDC of Kalamazoo County would like to present to the BOC the \$115,000 MDEQ Loan Application.

- 2. March 20, 2018 – in the Regular Meeting of the County Commission –**  
Adopt a resolution approving the EDC to accept the \$115,000 MDEQ Loan

**TIME FRAME OF ACTION:**

March 6, 2018 COW meeting; March 20, 2018 Regular Board of Commission meeting

**FUNDING SOURCE IF REQUIRED (Federal, State, or Local):**

Funding is through the MDEQ Loan which is 5 years payment deferred with no interest in the first 5 years, and beginning in Year 6, a 10-year annual repayment period at 1.5% interest. The developer/owner of the property is responsible for paying the annual Loan payments to the EDC for payment of the MDEQ Loan. The EDC and the developer are in the process of entering into a Loan Reimbursement agreement which specifies the loan repayment and requires the loan will be secured by an irrevocable Letter of Credit, for the full amount of the Loan plus interest, and in form and substance as approved by the EDC and the County, prior to the acceptance of Loan funds from the MDEQ.

**PERSONNEL IF REQUIRED:**

(Indicate if elimination or creation and list FTE; job title; grade; full-time salary range; account number; and, if known, position number)

No new personnel or contracts will be required by this action.

**NEW OR RENEWAL:**

This is a new MDEQ Loan Project Application.

**ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

The Loan Reimbursement Agreement will be reviewed by County Legal Counsel prior to being presented to the County Board.

The MDEQ Project Application is attached.

Please see the attached memo for a summary of the project.

An estimated \$86,000 of the Loan funds are to be used for installation of a sub-slab depressurization system to vent areas of concern in the manufacturing facility. Indoor air analytical data from the subject property demonstrates a potential exposure risk to

volatile compounds that have impacted the facility due to historical operations at the WL Molding property. Additionally, \$25,000 of the Loan funds will be used to demolish an abandoned residential structure on the property that is in very poor condition, is immediately adjacent to the adjoining residential neighborhood, and has served as an attractive nuisance in the past. The remaining \$3,400 of Loan funds will cover the administration of the Loan by Planning Department staff and include reporting of the Loan to the MDEQ.

**PROCUREMENT INFORMATION:**

(indicate if the contract was bid out, if not, state reason(s) why; indicate last time contract was bid out; indicate if awarded bidder was the lowest bidder, if not, indicate why)

Contractors and subcontractors for the work related to this project will be bid following County and MDEQ bid requirements.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

NAME

TITLE

PHONE  
NUMBER

Lisa Henthorn

Deputy County Administrator  
For External Services

383-8901

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF  
A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT LOAN  
BY THE COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PROVISIONS OF PART 196 OF ACT 451 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS  
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1994, AS AMENDED**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, held in the Board of Commissioners Room, County Administration Building located at 201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

MOTION BY:

SUPPORTED BY:

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Economic Development Public Act 338 of the State of Michigan of 1974, as amended (the "Act"), have resolved to participate in activities that serve as economic development through retaining local industries and preventing conditions of unemployment constituting the performance of an essential public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (the "MDEQ") has reviewed a project proposal submitted by the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and communicated its interest in supporting the project by now inviting the Economic Development Corporation of Kalamazoo County (EDC) to formally submit an Application for a Brownfield Redevelopment Loan,

WHEREAS, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a Brownfield Redevelopment Loan Application relating to the redevelopment project on the industrial property located at 8212 Shaver Road in the City of Portage, Michigan, (the "Site") requesting \$115,000 in loan funds (the "MDEQ Loan"), and the EDC has determined that it is financially able and willing to accept a loan up to \$115,000 secured primarily with a Letter of Credit from the Site Owner/Developer, Jhamin, LLC ("Developer"),

WHEREAS, the Developer recently acquired the property from a long-time previous owner. The Developer intends to redevelop and expand the growing business operations of the plastic injection molding company located at the Site, retaining jobs and creating new jobs in the future. Furthermore, the Site has a history of industrial use that has

resulted in environmental contamination at the site including soil and groundwater contamination that was not caused by the Developer. The developer anticipates investing \$150,000 annually in property and building improvements for current business expansion plans and potentially to invest \$5 million in new construction in 5 years (the "Project"). Additional costs are needed to address environmental contamination concerns, which will be completed if funded through the Loan,

WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with local development plans and zoning ordinances, and

WHEREAS, the EDC has entered into a Loan Reimbursement Agreement with the Developer requiring that the Developer use its best efforts to conduct the activities as described in the Loan Application and as described in Work Plans to be approved by the MDEQ. The agreement also provides for the Developer to pay the annual payment of the MDEQ Loan to the EDC, where the EDC will then make the annual payment to the MDEQ. The Agreement also provides for reimbursement by the Developer to the EDC for incurred costs should the Developer default on the Agreement, and

WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the EDC application to the MDEQ for the MDEQ Loan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. **Acceptance of Loan Funds.** The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts and is committed to repay a loan up to \$115,000 to be issued to and managed by the EDC.
2. **Severability.** Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.
3. **Repeals.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAINED:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO ) ss:

I, the undersigned, the fully qualified Clerk of Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Kalamazoo County at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Timothy A. Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## BOARD AGENDA REQUEST FORM

**PROPOSED FOR BOARD MEETING OF:** 3/6/2018 COW and 3/6/2018 BOC

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development

**PREPARED BY:** Lotta Jarnefelt, Director, and Rachael Grover,  
Resource Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners'  
Resolution to support the Kalamazoo County  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority acceptance of  
a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
(MDEQ) Loan for \$1,250,000 and a Grant for  
\$100,000 for the environmental assessment and  
environmental due care of the former Vicksburg  
Paper Mill in the Village of Vicksburg.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (KCBRA) respectfully requests that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners pass a Resolution in support of the KCBRA accepting \$1,250,000 in Loan funds and \$100,000 in Grant funds from the MDEQ.

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION (dollar amount, purpose):**

As required by the MDEQ, the resolution must be adopted by the county under which the KCBRA was formed. The KCBRA will only accept and expend Loan funds once a Loan Reimbursement has been executed with the developer, Paper City, LLC, and collateral for the Loan has been provided in form and substance as approved by the KCBRA and Kalamazoo County (a Certificate of Deposit).

1. **March 6, 2018 – in the Committee of the Whole –**  
The KCBRA of Kalamazoo County would like to present to the BOC the \$1,250,000 Loan and \$100,000 MDEQ Grant Application and the Loan Reimbursement Agreement.
2. **March 6, 2018 – in the Regular Meeting of the County Commission –**  
Adopt a resolution approving the KCBRA to accept the \$1,250,000 MDEQ Loan funds and \$100,000 Grant funds.

**TIME FRAME OF ACTION:**

March 6, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting and March 6, 2018 Regular Board of Commission meeting

**FUNDING SOURCE IF REQUIRED (Federal, State, or Local):**

Funding is through the MDEQ Loan which is 5 years payment deferred with no interest in the first 5 years, and beginning in Year 6, a 10-year annual repayment period at 1.5% interest. Loan repayment will be through Tax Increment Financing Revenues expected following redevelopment of the Vicksburg Mill property through the Brownfield Plan for this project.

If there is no TIF Revenues or if there is shortfall in the amount of TIF Revenues expected in any given year, the developer/owner of the property is responsible for paying the annual Loan payments to the KCBRA for payment of the MDEQ Loan. The KCBRA and the developer will enter into a Loan Reimbursement agreement which specifies the loan repayment and requires the loan will be secured by a Certificate of Deposit provided by the developer, in form and substance as approved by the KCBRA and the County, prior to the acceptance of Loan funds from the MDEQ. As required by the MDEQ, Loan funds must be expended prior to or in conjunction with MDEQ Grant funding.

**PERSONNEL IF REQUIRED:**

(Indicate if elimination or creation and list FTE; job title; grade; full-time salary range; account number; and, if known, position number)

No new personnel will be required by this action.

**NEW OR RENEWAL:**

This is a new MDEQ Loan and Grant Project Application.

**ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

The Loan Reimbursement Agreement will be reviewed by County Legal Counsel prior to being presented to the County Board.

The MDEQ Loan and Grant Project Application is attached.

The Grant funds are expected to pay for environmental investigation and a Baseline Environmental Assessment for the Vicksburg Mill site. Loan funds are expected to pay for soil clean up and environmental due care obligations for the safety and welfare of users and visitors of the property. Additionally, demolition of a fire damaged building will also be funded by the Loan.

The redevelopment of the former paper mill is expected to have a significant impact on the local economy and for community revitalization. Three zones of redevelopment for the property are proposed including a historic zone, an event and production zone, and a conservation zone. In 2018, the developer is proposing to refurbish the east wing of the building with a new entry, a brewing space, a taproom, a restaurant, and an indoor event space for Old Stove Brewing Company (of Seattle, Washington).

**PROCUREMENT INFORMATION:**

(indicate if the contract was bid out, if not, state reason(s) why; indicate last time contract was bid out; indicate if awarded bidder was the lowest bidder, if not, indicate why)

Contractors and subcontractors for the work related to this project will be bid following County and MDEQ bid requirements.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
Lisa Henthorn	Deputy County Administrator For External Services	383-8901

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF  
A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT GRANT AND LOAN  
BY THE COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS  
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, held in the Board of Commissioners Room, County Administration Building located at 201 W. Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**ABSENT:**

**MOTION BY:**

**SUPPORTED BY:**

**WHEREAS**, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), have formally resolved to participate in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) of Kalamazoo County (the "Authority") and have designated that all related activities shall proceed through the BRA; and

**WHEREAS**, Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, intends to adopt a Transformational Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") for the industrial property located at 300 West Highway Street in the Village of Vicksburg, Michigan 49097, (the "Site"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996,

**WHEREAS**, the Plan will allow the Authority to capture Tax Increment Revenues generated from the property through redevelopment activities, along with construction period tax capture revenues, withholding tax capture revenues, and income tax capture revenues (collectively, "TIF"),

**WHEREAS**, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners has reviewed a Brownfield Redevelopment Grant and Loan Application prepared by the Authority relating to a redevelopment project on the Site requesting \$1,250,000 in loan funds (the "MDEQ Loan") and \$100,000 in grant funds (the "MDEQ Grant"), and the Authority has determined that it is financially able and willing to accept a loan up to \$1,250,000 secured primarily with a certificate of deposit from the Site Owner/Developer, Paper City Development, LLC ("Developer"), in addition to future TIF that may be captured through the Plan,

**WHEREAS, Developer intends to redevelop an obsolete industrial building located at the Site. The building on the Site is not occupied and is in severe disrepair. The building would need major repairs before occupation could occur. The Developer intends to demolish non-historic portions of the building, as well as selected demolition of the historic portions of the building that have suffered fire damage. Other additional buildings on the Site that are not pertinent to the historic nature of the structure will be demolished. The exterior of the building will be stabilized, grounds regraded, parking lots and drives replaced, and storm water properly managed. Developer intends to redevelop the historic portion of the building and restore it to productive use. The current plans include refurbishment of the east wing of the historic portion of the building with a new entry, brewing space, taproom, restaurant, and an indoor event space. Developer intends to refurbish the remainder of the building with a combination of mixed-uses, including all, or a subset, of the following: a craft beverage hub with ancient grain milling, a distillery, hop and malt processing facilities, storage (including cold storage), manufacturing, production, offices, retail space, and residential uses.**

**WHEREAS, the Site has a history of industrial use as a paper mill that has resulted in environmental contamination. To address environmental contamination and bring the building to a usable state, the Developer anticipates investing over \$50,000,000 in the Property (the "Project").**

**WHEREAS, the Project will be consistent with local development plans and zoning ordinances, and**

**WHEREAS, the Authority has entered into a Brownfield Loan Reimbursement Agreement with the Developer requiring that the Developer use its best efforts to conduct the activities that will be described in the Plan and renovate the existing building and construct the described Project. The Agreement also provides for Developer to pay the annual payment of the MDEQ Loan in the event that in any year the Tax Increment Revenue is not sufficient to make the full annual MDEQ Loan payment. Additionally, the Agreement provides for reimbursement by the Developer to the Authority for incurred costs should the Developer default on the Agreement,**

**WHEREAS, contingent upon the adoption of the Plan and the execution of a Development Agreement between the Developer and the Authority, the Project will be undertaken if the MDEQ Loan and MDEQ Grant are awarded.**

**WHEREAS, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority application to the MDEQ for the MDEQ Loan and MDEQ Grant.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1. MDEQ Loan. The MDEQ Loan application be made and if awarded accepted by this County Board for the MDEQ Loan in the amount of \$1,250,000.**

2. **Severability.** Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.
3. **Repeals.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

**AYES:**

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAINED:**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO ) SS:**

I, the undersigned, the fully qualified Clerk of Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Kalamazoo County at a [regular] meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Timothy A. Snow , Kalamazoo County Clerk

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# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

### Special Proclamation on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Residential Opportunities Inc.

LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners is proud to join with the staff, officers, and friends of Residential Opportunities, Inc. (ROI) as they gather to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing residential and living supports for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This milestone is a reflection of their commitment to the community. The entire Kalamazoo Community offers its thanks as ROI celebrates 40 years of partnering with children and adults with disabilities and their families so they may live more meaningful, healthy and independent lives in their homes and communities.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, let all of Kalamazoo County commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Residential Opportunities Inc. Kalamazoo County Government commends everyone who has contributed to its success and thanks them for the manner in which their members have strengthened Kalamazoo County and Southwest Michigan. May they provide many more years of leadership and service in the Kalamazoo community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does support the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Residential Opportunities, Inc.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            }  
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO    }

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on March 20, 2018.

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Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register



# KALAMAZOO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

In the Pursuit of Extraordinary Governance...

## Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

### Autism Awareness Month in April

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, and is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in the significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and,

WHEREAS, we need to ensure that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness so they may achieve their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, recognize the leadership in autism treatment displayed by the Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research, a division of Residential Opportunities Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners supports Autism Awareness Month in April.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            }  
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  }    SS  
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO    }

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on March 20, 2018.

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Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/Register