Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION #11-086

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners Resolution #09-296 authorized the acceptance of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to fund the acquisition of 120 acres of natural area to expand Lake Lansing Park-North; and

WHEREAS, the required matching funds of \$850,000 came from \$675,000 provided by the Meridian Township Land Preservation Board, \$150,000 raised by over 1,000 donors to the Preserve Lake Lansing Trails group in conjunction with the Friends of Ingham County Parks, and \$25,000 from Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive the \$675,000 in matching funds from Meridian Township, the County must enter into a Permanent Conservation Easement with Meridian Township; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission supported entering into the conservation easement at their March 14, 2011 meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the conveyance of a Permanent Conservation Easement to Meridian Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners accepts the \$675,000 in matching funds from Meridian Township for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant to fund the acquisition of 120 acres of natural area to expand Lake Lansing Park-North.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign any contract documents consistent with the Resolution after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti

Nays: None Absent: None Approved 3/15/11

FINANCE: Yeas: Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, Dougan **Nays:** None **Absent:** McGrain **Approved 3/16/11**