

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL MCDONALD**

**RESOLUTION #11-002**

WHEREAS, since his appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission in March of 1999 Michael McDonald has shown a remarkable level of leadership and devotion to the idea of community involvement by actively seeking out ways to benefit the community in which he lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on both the Planning & Community Outreach and Budget Committees Mike has held many positions while serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission, he served as Commission Chair from 2006-2010; as Commission Vice Chair from 2002-2004; and as the Chair of the Planning & Community Outreach Committee in from 2000-2004; and

WHEREAS, as a 32 year veteran of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Mike was able to bring into the Parks and Recreation Commission's deliberations relevant ideas and insights from his position as a Park Ranger, Grants Coordinator, District Business Executive, Grants Manager, Program Manager of the Michigan Recreation Bond Program, and Grants Section Supervisor of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Recreation Bond; and

WHEREAS, Mike actively promoted Ingham County Parks as a member of the Michigan Association of County Parks & Recreation Officials; the Michigan Recreation & Park Association and served on their Public Policy Committee; the National Park and Recreation Association; as a Citizen Representative of the National Forum of the Great Lakes Regional Council; the Meridian Township Harrison Nature Center Foundation Board, the Heart of Michigan Trails Committee, the Governor's Citizen's Committee for Michigan State Parks; and Chair of the Citizen's Committee for Michigan State Parks Stewardship Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, through his diligence, tact, and personal integrity, he has promoted a relationship of mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation between the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission, other local governmental agencies, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 11 ½ year term as a Parks and Recreation Commission member, Mike has helped to advance, develop, and implement effective parks policies; and

WHEREAS, Mike's efforts and deep commitment to trails have contributed to the Parks Department's ability to provide exceptional service to the citizens of Ingham County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, by adoption of this resolution, recognizes the impact and quality of Mr. McDonald's work, and expresses its sincere appreciation to him for the services and benefits which have been received by the citizens of Ingham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners extends to Mr. McDonald its best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

**COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas:** De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti  
**Nays:** None      **Absent:** None      **Approved 1/18/11**