

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING JON W. COLEMAN ON THE EVENT OF HIS RETIREMENT

RESOLUTION #11-004

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman, Executive Director of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, will retire on January 31, 2011, after serving the Commission since 1975, first as a Region Planner and then as Executive Director since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman came to mid-Michigan years ago with a sound foundation for the exemplary career that was to follow--an undergraduate degree in Architecture and a Master of Science Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Texas A&M University, four years of experience with the Civil Engineers in the U.S. Air Force working on base design and construction, and three-year service as the principal planner for the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, Witchita, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman's service to the Commission took place during an era when great innovations were made in the field of planning and when an awareness of natural resources and the environment grew as a key component in community planning and development; keeping current in the field, these innovations were integrated into the activities of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman led the implementation of the goals set by Commissioners to help communities in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties move forward while meeting state and federal requirements; the Commission has been a critical resource enabling communities to receive funding and coordinate activities in transportation planning, natural resources management, mapping and data collection, and other community development areas; and

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman has provided leadership to many committees and associations, such as the Michigan Association of Regions, representing the Tri-County area in a manner that has shed a positive light on mid-Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Jon W. Coleman can be especially admired for the selfless manner in which he has empowered the Tri-County Regional Commission staff and other planning entities to excel in their own right, he is strong to lead and strong to allow others to excel.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners recognizes Jon W. Coleman's excellent leadership and outstanding service to the tri-county region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners takes great pleasure in recognizing the achievements of Jon W. Coleman and the positive, lasting footprint he has left on the development of the tri-county region in mid-Michigan.

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