

Introduced by the County Services and Finance Committees of the:

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER  
TO THE POTTER PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**RESOLUTION #11-110**

WHEREAS, the electorate of Ingham County overwhelmingly approved the millage proposal in November of 2010 to fund the operation and improvement of Potter Park and the Potter Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Park Zoological Society is a private, 501c(3) nonprofit, fundraising organization that raises funds to support the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, in that capacity the Zoological Society supports: Marketing, Educational Programming, the Docent Association, the Teen Zookeeper Program, Special Events, and the Zookambi Summer Camp; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society operates on a \$1,600,000 budget, all of which is spent on supporting the Potter Park Zoo through educational programming, special events, operating costs, and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Park Zoological Society Board of Directors is comprised of ten prominent community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of \$60,000 from the proceeds of the Potter Park Zoo Millage to the Potter Park Zoological Society for 2010 marketing purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Park Zoological Society Board has approved within the 2011 Zoological Society Budget \$20,000 for advertising; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Park Zoological Society has agreed to supply the County with invoices detailing spending of these funds on a monthly basis and County staff will provide a quarterly marketing expense report to the Potter Park Zoo Board; and

WHEREAS, the Potter Park Zoo Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend the Board of Commissioners authorize the transfer of \$70,000, to be used by the Potter Park Zoological Society for 2011 marketing purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves a transfer of \$70,000 from the proceeds of the Potter Park Zoo Millage to be used by the Potter Park Zoological Society for 2011 marketing purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Attorney to prepare the necessary documents.

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

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

**Nays:** None **Absent:** Schor **Approved 4/5/11**

**FINANCE: Yeas:** Tsernoglou, McGrain, Dougan

**Nays:** None **Absent:** Schor, Bahar-Cook, Nolan **Approved 4/6/11**