

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO DONATE FOUNDATION FROM CIVIL WAR CANNON
TO MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY**

RESOLUTION #11-193

WHEREAS, the cannon in front of the Courthouse was donated to the Steel Brothers Grand Army of the Republic Post 441 in Mason; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War this gun, with its higher projectile weight, was used primarily as a siege weapon in both a fixed and mobile position and was used by both the Union Army and Navy; and

WHEREAS, this particular cannon was cast at the West Point Foundry in New York in March of 1865, of the 391 cannons of this type produced between 1861 and 1865, only 198 survive today; and

WHEREAS, this cannon is one of 22 that were donated by the U.S. Government to veteran and patriotic organizations across Michigan in the late 1800's and early 1900's; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 the cannon was restored and the foundation was replaced to make the cannon safer and more secure, with the old foundation being placed in storage; and

WHEREAS, the officials with the Maple Grove Cemetery located within the City of Mason has expressed an interest in placing the cannon's previous foundation in the Maple Grove Cemetery near their Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, this Historical Commission recommends donating the foundation to the Maple Grove Cemetery.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby approves donating the previous foundation from the Civil War cannon, which consists of two stones constructed of cut field granite and Bedford stone, to the Maple Grove Cemetery located in the City of Mason with the stipulation that it be displayed near their Veterans Memorial.

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 6/21/11**