

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioners De Leon and Schor:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO.: 73-5D21-11-31 BETWEEN
UNITED STATES AND INGHAM COUNTY TO ACCEPT APPROXIMATELY \$305,913.00**

. RESOLUTION #11-207

WHEREAS, Ingham County desires to provide for the effective long-term protection and preservation of farmland and open space in Ingham County from the pressure of increasing residential and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted the Ingham County Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance in July 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board has scored and ranked all applications received for the 2010 cycle and submitted the Tomlinson, Scriptor, Baumer and Beery Farms to the Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program for consideration of matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance authorized the Ingham County Agricultural Preservation Board to make reasonable offers to purchase development rights on farms based on state certified appraisals; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board has funding in place to execute the Permanent Conservation Easement Deed Option Agreements on the Tomlinson, Scriptor, Baumer and Beery Farms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners approves Cooperative Agreement #73-5D21-11-31 for \$305,913.00 between United States of America (The United States), acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and Ingham County for the implementation of the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign Cooperative Agreement #73-5D21-11-31, after review and approval by County Attorney.

SS/ De Leon, Schor