VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON COUNTY OF ONTONAGON RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 08

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GRANT FOR THE EAST PIER

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon, State of Michigan, (the "Municipality") held on August 22, 2022.

PRESENT: President T. Smydra, President Pro-Tem S. Hopper Trustees D. Chastan, J. Hamm, E. Marks Jr., and M. Rebholz

ABSENT: Trustee B. Penegor

Trustee Marks offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Hopper.

WHEREAS, the Village of Ontonagon strongly supports the public fishing and access development project at the Ontonagon River East Pier, which is located within the shoreline embayment of Lake Superior at the Village of Ontonagon. Shore-based angling, Tribal Fishing, and shoreline enjoyment at this location on Lake Superior is very popular but is limited due to existing conditions. Popular fish encountered at this site include all species of Great Lakes trout and salmon, as well as Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, and Northern Pike.

WHEREAS, there are very few shoreline accessible fishing areas on the Lake Superior shoreline. With heavy tourism presence at the Village of Ontonagon area (4-million people each summer), including many people who have never seen a Great Lake, the use of this shoreline fishing opportunity would be a life memory moment for many visitors. Development of a safe and accessible shoreline fishing access site would be welcomed by anglers, tribal communities, tourists, and visitors from other parts of the globe.

WHEREAS, the Village of Ontonagon acknowledges that given the popularity of the fishing and given the limited access that exists for enjoying the Lake Superior shoreline, it is confident that funding of the East Pier project will become one of the more popular tourist visitation and public water access sites in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula area. We look forward to continuing the improvement of Lake Superior fish access with the efforts of the Village of Ontonagon and the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village Council hereby authorizes the initial stages of applying for a grant to cover the engineering portion of this project.

YAYS: Marks, Hopper, Chastan, Hamm, Rebholz, Smydra

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon, said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being 1976 Public Act 267, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Kori Weisinger

Village of Ontonagon, Clerk

Village of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon