RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY IN SUPPORT OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

A resolution to support the Marquette County Road Commission's appeal of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's objection to the planned construction of County Road 595.

Whereas, student safety is of utmost concern at Northern Michigan University, along with high quality residential living experience, and,

Whereas, the Marquette County Road Commission has the authority to lay out new roads within the county and engage professional services as it considers necessary to implement the county road law and promote safety, efficacy and economy in the operation of the county road system, and,

Whereas, the Marquette County Road Commission has the mission and duty to provide safe and efficient roads and bridges for motorists in Marquette County and ensure new projects meet the needs of the community. County Road 595 would be constructed in an environmentally responsible manner, and,

Whereas, the proposed routing of County Road 595 would improve safety by reducing truck traffic through one of the busiest intersections on campus and large vehicle noise adjacent to the university's primary residential area, and,

Whereas, moving forward with the construction of County Road 595 will improve public safety, protect our environment, boost regional economic development, and create jobs. The project has broad and overwhelming bipartisan support from the legislative and congressional delegations representing Marquette County, the general public, business and labor organizations, conservationists, and traffic safety advocates; now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Northern Michigan University, that it supports the Marquette County Road Commission's appeal of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's objection to the planned construction of 595.

This resolution was adopted on the 10th day of February 2015.

By:

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees