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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: **Empowering Rural Areas, the MDP Rural Caucus & other Established MDP Caucuses**

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WHEREAS: Rural areas are home to a large and growing of Michigan voters, including deciding numbers in Statewide election victories, and

WHEREAS: Michigan's rural populations are not homogeneous and are becoming increasingly diverse socially, economically and politically, and

WHEREAS: Due to population concentration in the state's biggest cities, over 90% of the state's land mass is considered rural, including most of the northern Lower Peninsula and all of the Upper Peninsula, and

WHEREAS: Basic components of personal and family security including housing, public education, infrastructure investment, transportation, health and human services, job creation and provision of technologies that support the economy and quality of life are deficient in Michigan's rural counties; establishing an acute need for informed advocacy by the Michigan Democratic Party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) Leadership, from the top down through individual Precinct Delegates, hereby agrees to commit to action, to:

- Hold 20% of the MDP’s monthly meetings, conventions — and other formal gatherings open to MDP members — in locations other than S.E. Michigan (ex: Grand Rapids, Alpena or Traverse City). To demonstrate to rural that the MDP cares about them and is committed to their political and other needs;
- Allow active MDP Caucuses to submit resolutions directly to the MDP.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: _____

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