

Miscellaneous Resolution #14048

BY: Commissioners Kathy S. Crawford, District #9 and Helaine Zack, District #18

RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR SILVER KEY COALITION RECOMMENDATION MICHIGAN BE A “NO WAIT STATE” FOR SENIOR IN-HOME SERVICES

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS a concerned coalition of senior advocacy groups has formed under the name Silver Key Coalition, which includes AARP Michigan, the Alzheimer’s Association, the Area Agency on Aging Association of Michigan, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS the Silver Key Coalition has identified areas of serious concern where shifting of state resources would benefit seniors who need basic services; and

WHEREAS the Coalition reports that in 2014 nearly 4,500 seniors are on wait lists for basic services such as home delivered meals and help with bathing, dressing, medication, shopping and household chores; and

WHEREAS long wait times for seniors have serious impacts such as an increased likelihood to end up living in a nursing home, seeking health care from a hospital emergency room and some die waiting for assistance; and

WHEREAS an increase of \$5 million for the fiscal year 2015 will be needed to allow the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging in-home services programs to begin addressing the service needs of those on wait lists, accommodate anticipated new requests for assistance, and begin addressing the needs of the underserved population of individuals who are receiving assistance; and

WHEREAS the effort to make Michigan a “No Wait State” for in-home services will be a key component of a larger strategy to make Michigan a retirement destination of choice that attracts and retains retirees, and captures the significant social and economic benefits of an aging population; and

WHEREAS a \$5 million investment will yield many benefits to taxpayers, businesses and the state, including creating approximately 200 new jobs, returning approximately \$350,000 in state tax revenue and support Michigan businesses as 75% of the food is purchased from Michigan based sources; and

WHEREAS Oakland County’s senior population represents 12% of county residents and the senior population expected to double by 2030; and

WHEREAS the February 2010 report “Preparing for the Silver Tsunami” from the Oakland County Senior Planning Coalition provides significant evidence and support for the economic benefits of retaining retirees for the local economy, “for each 100 retirees that move to or stay in Oakland County we can anticipate in excess of \$4 million spent in the local economy and \$1.4 million spent on healthcare”; and

WHEREAS “Preparing for the Silver Tsunami” identified the following existing delays as of February 2010:

- Family caregivers in need of out of home respite have a four month wait in scheduling the next available opening (AAA 1-B),
- There were 710 individuals on the Oakland County MI Choice Medicaid nursing home alternative home care wait list on January 1, 2010, including 23 nursing home residents (AAA 1-B); and

WHEREAS Oakland County policies have supported efforts to maintain and grow the health care economy as well as provide programs with necessary care for the rapidly growing senior population of the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supports the Silver Key Coalition’s recommendation of a FY 2015 allocation increase of \$5

million in state general revenue funding for in-home services provided through the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging for the purpose of eliminating the state's chronic in-home service wait lists of older Michigianians and encourages members of the Michigan legislature and Governor to support this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, the Silver Key Coalition, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Oakland County legislative lobbyists.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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March 6, 2014

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the General Government Committee. There were no objections.

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April 17, 2014

Moved by Crawford supported by Zack the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the amended Consent Agenda be adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

Discussion followed.

Vote on amended Consent Agenda:

AYES: Dwyer, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Hatchett, Hoffman, Jackson, Long, Matis, Middleton, Quarles, Runestad, Scott, Spisz, Taub, Weipert, Woodward, Zack, Bosnic, Crawford. (20)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the amended Consent Agenda were adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).



Donald R. ... 4/18/14
I HEREBY APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION
CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ACTING PURSUANT TO MCL 45.559A (7)

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Lisa Brown, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on April 17, 2014, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 17th day of April 2014.

Lisa Brown
Lisa Brown, Oakland County