

Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, industrial hemp refers to the non-drug oilseed and fiber varieties of *Cannabis* which are cultivated exclusively for fiber, stalk and seed. Industrial hemp is genetically distinct from the drug varieties of *Cannabis*, also know as marihuana. Industrial hemp has less than three tenths of one percent of the psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The flowering tops of industrial hemp cannot produce any drug effect when smoked or ingested; and

WHEREAS, the reluctance of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to permit industrial hemp farming is denying agricultural producers in this country the ability to benefit from a high-value, low-input crop, which can provide significant economic benefits to producers and manufacturers. The DEA has the authority under the Controlled Substance Act to allow Michigan to regulate industrial hemp farming under state law and without requiring individual federal applications and licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners that we memorialize Congress and the administration to recognize industrial hemp as a valuable agricultural commodity and to take steps to remove barriers in order to encourage the commercial production of this crop; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation to regulate industrial hemp farming under state laws and regulations without requiring federal applications, licenses or fees.

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Sorgenfrei to adopt the above resolution.

Ayes: All. Nays: None.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Excused: None.


Dated: April 28, 2011


Carl L. Altman, Chairman

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF PRESQUE ISLE)

I, Susan M. Rhode, Clerk of the County of Presque Isle, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy taken from the minutes of the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on April 28, 2011.

Date: April 28, 2011


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