A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 15-1 FOR CONTINUED
AND ENHANCED COMMUNITY SERVICE DELIVERY

Moved by Commissioner Twardy and supported by Commissioner Lynn

WHEREAS, Michigan’s roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation ($154) than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 15-1 would enable the City of Sault Ste. Marie to expand its capital preventive maintenance program in a manner that would ultimately reduce expenses to the community for the reconstruction of failed roads; and

WHEREAS, poorly maintained roads threaten the economic condition of the State of Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is projected to receive an increase in street funds of 66% by 2018 and an increase in state shared revenue of 11% in 2016 if Proposal 1 is adopted, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has created a long-term plan for the responsible use of the potential, additional resources associated with Proposal 15-1 that would continue and enhance community service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sault Ste. Marie will have a reduced ability to perform road improvement projects and potentially be required to reduce road maintenance services if the existing structure for transportation funding within the State of Michigan is not reformed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports the passage of Proposal 15-1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to responsibly maintain and upgrade the City of Sault Ste Marie’s roads on a long-term, responsible basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Sault Ste. Marie formally supports Safe Roads Yes! because if it passes, every penny paid at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

AYES: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Gage, Gerrie, Lynn, and Twardy
NAYS: Commissioner Bauer and Shimmens

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date: April 20, 2015