

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2012-5

OPPOSITION TO THE EARLY RELEASE OF VIOLENT OFFENDERS BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, recent events of violence again Michigan residents by parolees of the Michigan Department of Corrections have alarmed citizens and public officials; and

WHEREAS, according to reports in the Oakland Press on November 10, 2011 a homeless couple, both convicted felons, beat and murdered a Royal Oak woman in order to steal the woman's ATM card. The man accused of the murder was sentenced to 5-20 for home invasion. He was paroled September 29, 2010 despite past encounters with the law for rape and arson; and

WHEREAS, the same Oakland Press article reports that on November 18, 2011, also in the City of Royal Oak, a 54 year old Detroit man was arrested for attempting to break down the front door of a resident, who was home at the time. The suspect had just gotten out of prison six days earlier. The suspect, who had a long record of burglaries and theft, had served the minimum of a 3-30 year sentence; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Press also reports that in the City of Ferndale a man out of prison only six days is alleged to have beaten and robbed a man in his Ferndale home on October 31, 2011. The suspect had been sentenced to 8-20 years in 2002 and was paroled in October of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Prosecutor, along with several other prosecutors have had to sue the Michigan Department of Corrections for information on potential parolees; and

WHEREAS, prosecutors statewide have gone to court to protest the pending parole of inmates considered to be dangerous.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Department of Corrections to review criteria used to determine eligibility for parole of violent and repeat offenders. We oppose the practice of releasing violent and repeat offender inmates near the minimum end of their sentence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Alger County Legislative Body and all Michigan Boards of Commissioners.

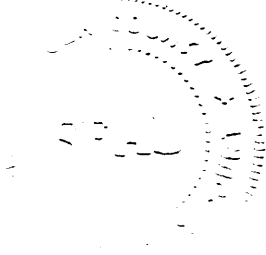
Dated: February 20, 2012

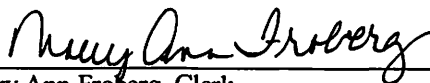

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on February 20, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this February 28, 2012 at Munising, Michigan.





Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk