

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #2019-20

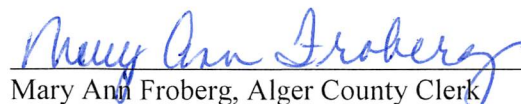
OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES FROM DISCLOSING THEIR PARTY AFFILIATION ON BALLOTS PROVIDED TO MICHIGAN VOTERS

- WHEREAS, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), of which Alger County is a dues paying member, stated MAC is considering supporting a change to Michigan election law; and
- WHEREAS, this change in Michigan law would force candidates for the office of County Commissioner to run as a "non-partisan" candidate and would prohibit said candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and
- WHEREAS, preventing disclosure of a candidate's party affiliation needlessly restricts and censors information that Michigan voters have traditionally relied upon to help them select a candidate who shares their values; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed change to Michigan election law is not needed as current Michigan law already permits County Commission candidates to withhold information about their party affiliation from being print on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and
- WHEREAS, under the current law, Commissioner Candidates are able to run for office without being affiliated with a political party and disclosing their affiliation, by running as an independent candidate.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby support providing Michigan voters with full information about their candidates for County Commissioner, and hereby oppose forcing a candidate for County Commissioner to run as a "non-partisan" candidate.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners hereby request copies of this resolution be sent to State Senator Ed McBroom, State Representative Sara Cambensy, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties, within two weeks of the passage of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: September 16, 2019

