

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Senators Klinefelt, Polehanki, Cavanagh, Hertel, McCann, Chang, Wojno, Irwin, Bayer, Cherry, Singh, Camilleri, McMorrow, Shink, Santana, Geiss, Moss, Hoitenga, Victory, Webber, Lauwers, Johnson, Huizenga and Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate February 1, 2023, as the 125th
2 anniversary of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

3 Whereas, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role
4 in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public
5 services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

6 Whereas, Michigan county governments are led by boards of
7 commissioners who are elected from their communities; and

8 Whereas, The State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was
9 formed by representatives of 16 counties on February 1, 1898, in

1 the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

2 Whereas, The association's name was changed to the Michigan
3 Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

4 Whereas, MAC is the oldest association representing local
5 governments in Michigan; and

6 Whereas, John W. Ewing of Eaton County was elected as the
7 first president of the association in 1898; and

8 Whereas, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of
9 their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as
10 president of the association's board of directors; and

11 Whereas, The State Association of Supervisors was formally
12 incorporated on January 24, 1940, with offices at 335 Hillcrest in
13 East Lansing; and

14 Whereas, W. E. Dennison became the first executive director of
15 the association in 1955, and served to 1967, a period during which
16 the association relocated its offices to Lansing; and

17 Whereas, The association created the Michigan Counties
18 Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide
19 workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees;
20 and

21 Whereas, The association created the Michigan Association of
22 Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service
23 providers to help counties save money on everything from health
24 insurance to telecommunications services; and

25 Whereas, The association hosts two major conferences every
26 year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending
27 public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others;
28 and

29 Whereas, The association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond

1 has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents
2 they serve; and

3 Whereas, No fewer than five association presidents have
4 served, or are serving, in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st
5 century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by
6 the association; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
8 body commemorate February 1, 2023, as the 125th anniversary of the
9 Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). We honor the association's
10 dedication to serving the county boards of commissioners in
11 Michigan as they work to improve the quality of life for all
12 Michigan residents.