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**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on September 13, 2000 regarding the need for the State of Michigan to adopt a mandatory permit system to enforce Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Principles (GAAMPs) for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs); and,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution cited numerous by-products of CAFOs that contain heavy concentrates of nitrogen, phosphorus, organic matter, solids, pathogens, heavy metals, hormones, antibiotics, and ammonia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the by-products from CAFOs, such as e-coli-0157-H7, a highly pervasive bacteria which can enter pores of a plant during transportation, cause infectious human diseases ranging from diarrhea to kidney failure and death, a

**WHEREAS**, unregulated CAFOs can contaminate rivers, creeks, streams, brooks, ponds, and municipal water systems and can severely harm irreplaceable environmental resources and natural wildlife for which Michigan has received national recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, areas impacted by CAFOs can experience reductions in property values; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past six years dairy CAFOs in Lenawee County have increased and expanded with plans underway to develop additional large farming operations; and

**WHEREAS**, further development of unregulated CAFOs will greatly alter Lenawee County's pleasant rural community and its proud agricultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recommended that states develop rules and issue permits for CAFOs.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly supports and encourages the State of Michigan to adopt the following measures to adequately regulate CAFOs in order to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Michigan:

- Require CAFOs to comply with GAAMPs and come under the same state regulatory scrutiny as industry
- Review GAAMPs for more stringent requirements for large farming operations producing high volumes of animal waste
- Require pollution bonds for CAFOs
- Require CAFOs to install on-site waste water treatment processing facilities similar to those required by municipalities
- Require CAFOs to obtain building and usage permits from local bodies of government
- Institute a moratorium on construction of said CAFOs until guidelines are developed, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this shall be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Dudley Spade, Representative Mike Simpson , the Michigan Association of Counties and all other interested parties.

Passed by a roll call of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 in the Lenawee County Courthouse, Adrian, MI

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James E. Van Doren, Chair  
Lenawee County Board of Commissioners

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Lou Ann Bluntschly  
Lenawee County Clerk