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June 9, 2021

Dear Governor Whitmer & Michigan Legislators:

Re: **Resolution in Opposition to House Bill No. 4722**

At the City Commission meeting of June 7, 2021, our City Commissioners voted 7-0 in opposition to House Bill 4722. Attached is a copy of the Resolution demonstrating opposition to this legislation that would take away local government control of zoning.

Although the City of Traverse City does allow some short term rentals within certain zoning districts, we believe it is imperative that taking away these rights to establish local standards will diminish the quality of life within municipalities throughout the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

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Martin A. Colburn
City Manager

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Att.



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4722

- BECAUSE, every community in the State of Michigan has its own context, its own vision and local residents who have elected leaders to make policy decisions that shape their local community based on its own unique character, history and vision; and
- BECAUSE, the ability of local units of government to shape their community is vital to creating unique senses of place, diverse economies based on local context; and
- BECAUSE, planning and zoning decisions are some of the most core policy decisions that form a community, and therefore it is vital that local units of government have the ability to, for instance, prescribe regulations regarding short-term rentals; and
- BECAUSE, the right of all Michigan residents, through their local municipalities, to consider all aspects of short-term rentals and to have the right to exercise local control by considering how these uses fit with the circumstances and goals of each community, whether regulation might be appropriate, and if so, the specific details of details of such regulations; and
- BECAUSE, the Michigan Legislature is considering House Bill 4722, which, if enacted into law, would require that short-term rentals be permitted uses in all residential zones, would deprive local residents of the right to determine for their own communities and neighborhoods, through their local legislative bodies, whether zoning regulations are desirable to implement to establish the location in which short-term rentals are appropriate within their community, or to individually review and consider proposed short-term rentals using the long-established procedures set forth under law; and
- BECAUSE, the passage of House Bill 4722 would take from the citizens of Traverse City local control of their community in this regard and would, in the judgment of the City Commission, have a detrimental effect on our residents, our neighborhoods, and our community; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, by the City Commission for the City of Traverse City to urge our elected representatives and the entire Michigan legislature to reject House Bill 4722 or any similar legislation.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Commission for the City of Traverse City at its June 7, 2021, regular meeting, conducted in compliance with Michigan law and all other pertinent regulations.

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Benjamin Marentette, MMC, City Clerk