

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2012

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING MICHIGAN HARBORS

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of the Village of Douglas, Michigan, held at the City of the Village of Douglas City Hall, Douglas, Michigan, on the 6th day of February, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bailey, Greenwood, Harvath, Hoexter, Mayer, Smith, Wiley

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Greenwood and supported by Councilperson Smith.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Douglas and many other lakefront communities are dependent on harbors for continued vitality, safety and expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City of the Village of Douglas' harbor and many other harbors in the Great Lakes require regular maintenance because of sedimentation, low water levels, storm events and other natural lake processes; and

WHEREAS, due to recent congressional action preventing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from allocating sufficient funds for the maintenance of commercial and small harbors in Great Lakes; the City of the Village of Douglas, in coalition with other harbor communities, will be forced to seek Congressional assistance to secure funds for dredging; and

WHEREAS, if the City of the Village of Douglas harbor is not properly maintained it could soon become ineffective, thereby resulting in increased risk to health, safety and significant economic loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution signed by the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas demonstrates concern for the well being and sustainability of our harbor, as well as other Great Lakes Harbors. Energy, security, economic activity, jobs, as well as health and safety could be compromised. This City Council, representing the interests of the citizens of the City of the Village of Douglas, as our representatives in the United States Congress, the Honorable Representative Bill Huizenga and the Honorable Senators Levin and Stabenow, to support and co-sponsor H.R. 104 and SB 412; calling for the full use of the Harbor Maintenance Trust fund to address our aging harbors before they are no longer viable and communities dependent on such are in crisis.

YEAS: Council Members: Bailey, Greenwood, Harvath, Hoexter, Mayer, Smith, Wiley

NAYS: Council Members: None

ABSTAIN: Council Members: None

ABSENT: Council Members: None

ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2012.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

BY: _____
James I. Wiley, Mayor

BY: _____
Jean E. Neve, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Jean E. Neve, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of the Village of Douglas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Douglas City Council at a regular meeting held February 6, 2012, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS

BY: _____
Jean E. Neve, City Clerk