

**CENTERVILLE TOWNSHIP
(LEELANAU COUNTY)
CEDAR, MICHIGAN 49621
Township Board Resolution Requesting
the Governor of Michigan to Declare the
State of Michigan Shoreline a Disaster Area
Resolution # 2020- 02
Adopted March 11, 2020**

WHEREAS, record high water levels as well as the bays and rivers connected to them, have contributed toward major erosion on beaches and shorelines across the State of Michigan during high water levels and currently throughout 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Michigan winter with ice flows and jams will continue to worsen the already bad situation throughout the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Centerville, Leelanau County, MI, has experienced the impacts of storms, high water, and wind driven wave action that are causing severe erosion of the shoreline as well as related infrastructure damage; and

WHEREAS, the public trust doctrine states that the sovereign holds in trust, for the public use, the resources such as the shoreline regardless of private property ownership; and

WHEREAS, the 3,288 miles of shoreline in the State of Michigan must be protected as referred to in the Public Trust Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the State of Michigan's economic and property value driver for the tax base along the shoreline and connecting tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the Great Lakes shoreline effects businesses and the tourism industry by limited access to the beaches; the loss of property along the shoreline directly affects the local, county, and state tax base; and the effects on municipal water systems and the inland water levels throughout the state are all impacted.

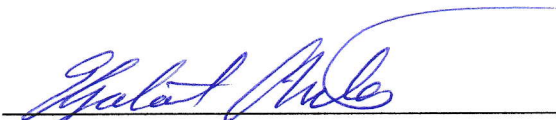
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township of Centerville requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the State Legislature declare the State of Michigan shoreline as a disaster area, and seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United States for this devastating situation which has an impact statewide.

YES: 4
NO: 0
ABSENT: 1

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on March 10, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held at the Township Hall, 5001 S. French Rd, Cedar, MI 49621.

Dated: 3/11/2020



Elizabeth Chiles
Township Clerk