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RESOLUTION BY LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Lake Leelanau is a public inland lake located within the County of Leelanau, State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Lake Leelanau is an extraordinarily valuable natural resource in Leelanau County and the preservation and the health of the lake are in the interests of all County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Lake's water quality and beauty are inextricably linked to local property values and the health of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Lake Leelanau has become infested with certain invasive plants, which, if unchecked, present a grave long term threat to the beauty and quality of the Lake's waters and the Lake's use as a natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the control and prevention of invasive aquatic weeds and other invasive species in Lake Leelanau has become a significant recurring expense and is likely to remain so far into the future; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to take steps to protect and improve this natural resource in order that it may be preserved for the enjoyment of the public and for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the request of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, and under the authority of and subject to the provisions of Part 309 (Lake Improvements) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, being MCL 324.30901, *et seq.*, as amended, the County of Leelanau, State of Michigan, does hereby establish a lake board for Lake Leelanau, which shall be governed by, subject to and empowered with the authority set forth in Part 309, to be known as the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board shall consist of all of the following:

- a. One member of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners appointed by the Chairperson of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners;
- b. Six members serving as representatives of Bingham Township, Centerville Township, Elmwood Township, Leland Township, Solon Township and Suttons Bay Township, all within the County of Leelanau, one member being appointed by the Township Board of each respective township;
- c. The Leelanau County Drain Commissioner or his or her designee; and

d. One member elected by the members of the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board at the first meeting of the Board or at any time a vacancy exists in this position. Only a person who has an interest in a parcel of land that abuts or has legal access to Lake Leelanau is eligible to be elected and may serve in this position. An organization composed of and representing the majority of lakefront property owners on Lake Leelanau may submit up to three (3) names to the Board, from which the Board shall make its selection. The terms served by this member shall be four (4) years in length.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board is hereby directed to institute proceedings as prescribed in Part 309 to determine the scope of the necessary lake improvement project, specifically limited to the control and prevention of invasive aquatic weeds and other invasive plant and animal species, and to establish a special assessment district to include all parcels of land and local units which will be benefited by the improvement of Lake Leelanau.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board is delegated the ministerial duties necessary to accomplish its work, including preparation, assembling, and computation of statistical data for use by the Board, and the superintending, construction, and maintenance of the lake improvement project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake Leelanau Preservation Board shall, at least every three years, provide the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners a detailed report describing the work performed on the lake improvement project authorized by this Resolution.