

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 18-03

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BLUEWATER FERRY, A SERVICE
CONNECTING SOMBRA, ONTARIO AND MARINE CITY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners supports the Bluewater Ferry; a ferry service that crosses over the St. Clair River connecting Sombra, Ontario and Marine City, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Bluewater Ferry provides a much needed economic link between Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Bluewater Ferry service is integral to local business; its closure in January 2018 resulted in an economic impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, local businesses depend on a percentage of business from Canada, with an estimated annual financial impact of \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Marine City Highway provides a direct route to Canada via the Bluewater Ferry and is widely used by commercial trucks, as well as personal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Bluewater Ferry provides an opportunity to strengthen ties between Canada and the United States as witnessed in recent community events between the two countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to assist with funding for repair of the damage to the Bluewater Ferry dock to enable it to resume necessary operations between Canada and the United States.

Dated: March 1, 2018

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