

MIDDLEBURY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2006-10

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHIAWASSEE COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, a survey of 1500 Shiawassee residents shows support for farmland preservation as being broad and does not seem to be concentrated in any identifiable group of county residents; rural or urban; high or low growth areas; those who own land or do not own land

WHEREAS, a large majority of residents perceive the loss of farmland as a problem that warrants immediate attention,

WHEREAS, the proposed Purchasing Land Development Rights (PDR) Program is designed as an effective way to preserve farmland and open space,

WHEREAS, the farmer or landowner who participates in this program will receive fair market development value for their land in exchange for the agreement that the land will not be developed, but can continue to be used for farming or undeveloped use,

WHEREAS, any township that wishes to take part in the Shiawassee County Purchasing of Land Development Rights Program must pass a resolution allowing landowners to be eligible to participate in the program,

WHEREAS, township approval is necessary to qualify the County to submit applications to the state in order to be considered for funds from the state for the Shiawassee County PDR program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Middlebury requests and will participate in the Shiawassee County Purchase of Development Rights Program.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Tony Sinicropi and supported by Board Member Charles Simpson.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Sinicropi, Simpson, Stevens, Sovis and Dutton.

There were no "Nay" votes; there were no board members absent.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted;

Date

Clerk