

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN:** Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized the Trial Court to submit a grant application to the Berrien Community Foundation Frederick S. Upton Foundation Grant, which required no match, via Resolution #A2003205; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mental Health Court (MHC) has been in operation in Berrien County since 2009 and operates in partnership with Berrien County's Mental Health Service Provider, Riverwood; and

**WHEREAS,** State Court Administrative Office funding for the MHC was cut, thus creating a shortfall; and

**WHEREAS,** the Berrien County MHC is in need of additional funding to cover necessary expenses for MHC participants, including drug testing costs, behavioral health treatment services, transportation, transitional housing, case management support, and program incentives; and,

**WHEREAS,** Berrien County has received an award of \$20,000 from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation to continue the essential operations of the Berrien County Mental Health Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Berrien County Trial Court Administrator to accept the Berrien Community Foundation Frederick S. Upton Foundation grant award for the Mental Health Court.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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Jim Curran, Chair

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Michael J. Majerek, Vice Chair

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Chris Heugel

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Don Meeks

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