TOWNSHIP OF BIRCH RUN SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

STATE SURCHARGE OPPOSITION RESOLUTION Resolution 2003-10

At a regular meeting of the Board of Birch Run Township, Saginaw County, Michigan, the following resolution was made by Debbie Trevino and seconded by Jeff Putnam.

WHEREAS, in the greater Saginaw County, Michigan area alone, over 500 tons of solid waste are generated each day by households and business around the County; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is a member of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority, thereby offering our residents cost effective, integrated residential waste management services, including curbside recycling services; and

WHEREAS, the value of recycling from resource conservation benefits, to landfill capacity management, to economic development issues, is supported and embraced by our community through our membership in the Mid Michigan Waste Authority; and

WHEREAS, Michigan state legislation seeking to ban items from landfill disposal without allowing for infrastructure development and legislation imposing state surcharge fess is not considered desirable by Authority membership; and

WHEREAS, given the dynamics of the recycling arena, which encompass issues ranging from increasing public access to recycling to increasing the processing infrastructure, to developing sustainable industrial markets for the production of recycled content products, any legislative and programming efforts to support and develop such must involve detailed and specific programming and fund uses to ensure that the goal is achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Birch Run Township Board on the date noted below, that as a constituent member of the MMWA, we oppose SB 498, SB 721 and HB 4152 and any other such bills that may be introduced with like provisions, and such will be expressed to our elected representatives.

Amy Çook

Birch Run Township Clerk