

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy

Commissioner Moran presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE "SAVE THE TAVERN" CAMPAIGN CHAMPIONED BY THE UNIONVILLE TAVERN PRESERVATION SOCIETY TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL UNIONVILLE TAVERN IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the Unionville Tavern was built in 1798 in what is now eastern Lake County, and remains a treasure of our local heritage and a national landmark. The Tavern is Ohio's oldest standing tavern listed by the Department of the Interior on the National Register of Historic Places and was identified by the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office and by the Lake County Historical Society as a Heritage Home; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Preservation Ohio, the state's largest preservation group, identified The Unionville Tavern as one of Ohio's Most Endangered Historical Sites. The Tavern has served the Western Reserve and Lake Countians for over two centuries, perhaps most significantly as a station on the Underground Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the Unionville Tavern Preservation Society formed in response to the uncertain future of the site and the decay it has incurred and resolved to raise public awareness about the deteriorating state of the Unionville Tavern, to facilitate preservation efforts and to ensure the restoration of the Unionville Tavern. The Society has built relationships with the Madison Historical Society, the Lake County Historical Society, the Friends of Freedom Society, the Ohio's Underground Railroad Network and the Madison Community Improvement Corporation to support its mission to preserve the landmark.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby endorses the efforts to preserve the Unionville Tavern and urges the citizens of the county to join in supporting the ventures to ensure the tavern endures as a treasured landmark that tells a story of the historical significance of the region during the pivotal evolution of this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Lake County Auditor; Madison Township Trustees Madison Township 2065 Hubbard Road, Madison, OH 44057; and the Unionville Tavern Preservation Society, P.O. Box 826, Madison, OH 44057.

Commissioner Aufuldish seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Aufuldish, Moran and Troy

"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,  
Amy Elszasz, Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Elszasz, duly appointed Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on January 10, 2013, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2013.

WITNESS my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, in Painesville, Ohio.

  
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Amy Elszasz, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners, in and  
for Lake County, Ohio