

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$5000 TO THE FRIENDS OF RUTHERFORD POOL TO SUPPORT THE BATHHOUSE RENOVATION AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ANY ACTION NEEDED TO PROVIDE SUCH FUNDS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, Rutherford Pool is a seasonal, outdoor community pool in Recreation Park in Ypsilanti, MI; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford Pool has provided recreation and activities to the residents and children of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, in the early 2000's, the management and maintenance of Rutherford Pool was transferred from the City of Ypsilanti to the Friends of Rutherford Pool, a non-profit organization founded to ensure that the pool would always be available to the residents of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, from 2011 to 2014, the pool was closed due because of the significant repairs needed to keep the facility operating and safe, and which was fully renovated and reopened through the support raised by a \$1 million capital campaign, including contributions from many local individuals, foundations and businesses, including \$150,000 from the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, today, Rutherford Pool serves nearly 20,000 individuals annually, of which 70% are children; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 repairs made the pool safe and fully functional, there are still significant repairs and maintenance needed on the pool bathhouse, including floor and wall repairs, painting, lighting improvements, and improvements on the major electrical and mechanical systems; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Rutherford pool are again undertaking a capital campaign to support these repairs, and the Board of Commissioners wishes to support these efforts; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners appropriates \$5,000 to the Friends of Rutherford Pool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to take any action needed to provide such funds.