

Dexter Township Resolution # 19-550

A resolution to support legislation that would allow township boards to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.

WHEREAS, Township officials should be elected on merit, not party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, Township issues seldom, if ever, align with political party ideologies; and

WHEREAS, Party affiliation may portray a false sense of where township elected officials stand on local issues; and

WHEREAS, Townships should have the option to be able to insulate themselves from the partisanship that has compromised the effectiveness of state and national legislatures; and

WHEREAS, Nonpartisan offices are an option available to Michigan cities as a charter provision; and

WHEREAS, Only seven of the thirty largest cities in the United States use partisan elections to elect their local officials* and only three cities in the state of Michigan do so; and

WHEREAS, The preponderance of township officials of a certain party compromises MTA's influence with lawmakers of the other party:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dexter Township Board, by a vote of the majority at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting held this 16th day of April, 2019, is in favor of legislation that would allow (not require) township boards to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot, for reasons stated above, and further encourages the Michigan Townships Association to support legislation that would provide that option for township boards.

* Michigan State University "Why are some elections non-partisan?", December 1, 2017

Resolution offered by Board Member Mesko

Resolution seconded by Board Member Gajewski

Roll call vote: YES NO ABSENT ABSTAIN

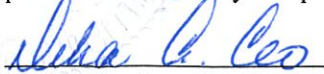
Supervisor Rider	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Clerk Ceo	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Treasurer Brushaber	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Compton	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Drolett	_____	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Trustee Gajewski	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Mesko	<u> x </u>	_____	_____	_____

Tally Y = 6; N = 1; Abstain = 0; Absent = 0.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Dexter hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board at which a quorum was present on the 16th day of April, 2019, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.


Debra A. Ceo, Clerk