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RESOLUTION

OF THE SWCRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A resolution regarding the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC).

WHEREAS the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) has represented business in 21 communities in the southern Wayne County area for over 42 years and has nearly 1,000 members; and

WHEREAS the SWCRC exists to improve the overall business climate for its members by undertaking action which stimulates economic growth, inter-business communication and member education and promotes legislative direction; and

WHEREAS the DRIC would create 10,000 construction jobs and more than 30,000 indirect jobs during the construction period in the United States. The DRIC also will help retain 25,000 jobs in Michigan that would be lost without additional crossing capacity and is expected to draw approximately 3,500 jobs into Southeast Michigan from outside the state; and

WHEREAS a Public-Private Partnership will allow for public ownership of the bridge and private financing, construction, operation and maintenance while protecting the public interest; and

WHEREAS Michigan needs legislative authority to enter into the Public-Private Partnership, to enter into an agreement with Canada to build the DRIC and to charge tolls; and

WHEREAS House Bill 4961 will provide for public-private transportation facilities and will authorize public-private agreements;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber supports the DRIC project and any legislation that will allow for the construction, charging of tolls and/or creation of a Public-Private Partnership to finance and deliver the DRIC.

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