

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2007

RESOLUTION NO. *Ninety-Three*

*Official Resolution
Of the Board of Commissioners
Macomb County, Michigan.*

*A Resolution Supporting the Michigan House of Representatives
Bi-Partisan Water Protection Package and the
Great Lakes, Great Michigan Coalition Platform*

*Commissioner Sarah Roberts,
On Behalf of the Board of Commissioners,
Offers the Following Resolution:*

Whereas, Michigan's water resources are a vital part of the state's identity and heritage, a major source of economic wealth, important to tourism, and critical to human health as a source of drinking water, and

Whereas, the Great Lakes are under increasing pressure from conflicting human uses, invasive species and climate change, and

Whereas, all waters are held in trust for the public. That includes surface water, wetlands, streams and groundwater; all of which are vital to the health of our economy, drinking water supply, recreation and ecosystems; and

Whereas, protection for water resources must acknowledge that ecosystems function as a unit; their health depends on the interrelationship of streams, lakes, wetlands and groundwater. Therefore, state laws must ensure protection of the system as a whole; and

Whereas, public participation and input into water use decisions must be elevated. Local actions and voices must figure prominently into decisions; and