

MONTMORENCY COUNTY RESOLUTION #22-05

- WHEREAS,** Zillow has spearheaded legislation to undermine the integrity of the Register of Deeds and The Treasurers Offices across the State of Michigan, greatly reducing revenues needed to fund the daily operation of both offices; and
- WHEREAS,** Zillow, a for profit corporation, is asking the State of Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that will provide the ALL the records of the Montmorency County's taxpayers from both the Register of Deeds and the Treasurer's Offices at a huge discount or in some instances 100% free of charge; and
- WHEREAS,** Zillow will then sell those records for profit putting constituents at a higher risk of fraud or theft while placing the burden to fund the office on the taxpayers of Montmorency County; and
- WHEREAS,** This proposed legislation will NOT increase homeownership or economic development, but will create an unfunded mandate to provide publicly created and maintained data at a fee much less than the cost; and
- WHEREAS,** The Michigan Association of Register of Deeds and the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, both bipartisan organizations, unanimously oppose these bills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Montmorency Count Board of Commissioners stand in solidarity with the Montmorency County Register of Deeds and the Montmorency County Treasurer to oppose HB's 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732 and stand up to corporations that "Data Mine" records for profit while placing the burden on the Montmorency County taxpayers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:


That a copy of this resolution in opposition to the above bills be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate Majority Leader and the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Motion made by Geyer Balog was 2nd by Robert Stacey

Ayes: Balog, Stacey, Edwards, Girardin & Madison

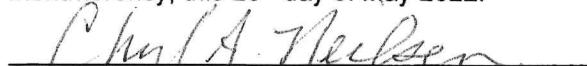
Nays:0

Absent:0


Robert Stacey, Chairman

I, Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk of said County of Montmorency and Clerk of the Circuit Court thereof, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that the above Resolution #22-05, was adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on May 26, 2022, as appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court in Montmorency, this 26th day of May 2022.


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk