

A Resolution in support of Continued Funding for Michigan Envirothon,

Sponsoring Entity: Leelanau Conservation District, at the duly called and conducted meeting of the Board of Directors, October 2, 2018.

WHEREAS, Conservation Districts were founded in the United States on the premise that the environment is the supportive entity upon which we all depend, and

WHEREAS, education has always been a major focus of all Conservation Districts in Michigan as well as throughout the U.S., and

WHEREAS, without education we cannot expect the next generation to be aware of the importance of the natural environment nor expect them to support an ethic of wise use of Michigan's resources, and

WHEREAS, Envirothon has been the premier Environmental Education and Stewardship program for high school students for the past 25 years, and,

WHEREAS, for all of those 25 years the Michigan Envirothon program has been providing the tools and resources to communicate this Conservation Ethic to the next several generations of school students, and

WHEREAS, every student involved in Envirothon is given a strong background in the natural sciences and environmental stewardship, including the value of soils, water, air, plants, animals, agriculture, and the effects of pollution, erosion, toxins and other negative stresses facing our natural world, and,

WHEREAS, every Envirothon team must do a project that benefits the environment, and

WHEREAS, that project not only benefits their surroundings but promotes this conservation and service ethic to students, families, schools and communities, and,

WHEREAS, these projects increase the visibility of the local Conservation District, and,

WHEREAS, Michigan sends a team to the National Envirothon Competition every year, allowing those students a chance to network with their like-minded peers and become even more aware of local, national, and global issues, and

WHEREAS, those students being exposed to this broad perspective are being positioned to be the leaders in their communities to bring these environmental issues to the forefront, and begin to work to solve them,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Districts of Michigan support the Envirothon Program,

THEREBY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that yearly funding for the Envirothon program will be continued, including funding for personnel and resources necessary to fully implement this program throughout Michigan.