STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Michigan Commission of Agriculture Resolution on Wine Shipment

Whereas, Michigan's wine industry has undergone significant transformation over the past twenty-five years, including varieties of grapes grown, styles of wine produced, quality of wine, and facilities open to the public; and

Whereas, the growth of the Michigan wine industry has benefited the agricultural and tourism industries, with over 600,000 people annually visiting Michigan wineries, generating economic development and preserving farmland and open space. Further, the economic impact of Michigan's wine industry is estimated to exceed $75 million annually, with over $37 million of that coming from the sale of Michigan wines; and

Whereas, further growth of the Michigan wine industry has great potential, but also faces a number of challenges, including access to markets and the ability of consumers across the state and nation to purchase Michigan's outstanding wines; and

Whereas, the Michigan wine industry has given great attention to the issue of responsible consumption of wine, and has diligently worked to ensure that its products are not sold or provided to minors; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture holds that regulation of the wine industry should allow for limited direct sales of wine for personal consumption, in order to maintain and grow Michigan's wine industry and increase all the benefits that it provides to the economy and our natural heritage; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Michigan Legislature, Grape and Wine Council and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

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East Lansing, Michigan

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE
Jim Byrum, Chair