

GRATIOT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE A  
SPECIAL MILLAGE QUESTION FOR  
RENEWAL AND RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR  
AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-409**

**ADOPTED APRIL 7, 2026**

WHEREAS Michigan Compiled Laws 46.61, 285.51, 125.1234, and 125.1602 authorizes the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gratiot to levy taxes and appropriate funds to provide funding to promote agriculture, industry, trade, and tourism interests in the county and for the publicizing, development and expansion of area industry, commerce or agriculture economic activity for the county, including such programs as the MSU Extension services and its 4-H programs, and the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Gratiot; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gratiot seeks to have the voters of the County determine whether or not they desire to continue to raise funds for these purposes by the levying of an property tax of up to one-half (0.5000) mill, which is a renewal of the previously authorized millage and was the maximum allowable levy per the Headlee Amendment calculations for 2025 Winter Levy (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive; and

WHEREAS if the millage proposal passes, the Board of Commissioners could enter contracts with the MSU Extension services and its 4-H programs, and the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Gratiot for such purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Gratiot at the Primary Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 4, 2026:

**GRATIOT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

For the purpose of providing funds to promote agriculture, industry, trade, and tourism interests, and industry, commerce or agriculture economic activities in Gratiot County, including the MSU Extension Services and its 4-H Programs, and the Economic Development Corporation for Gratiot County; shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be continued and renewed, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.5000 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,016,844 for agricultural and economic development purposes in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. Funds may be distributed to the MSU Extension Services and its 4-H programs, and the Economic Development Corporation for Gratiot County pursuant to contract. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized

millage, a portion of which millage, as required by State law, may be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of St. Louis, the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Alma, and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of the County of Gratiot.

YES [ ] NO [ ]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said proposition shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the matter provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Public Officials of the County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, and all Governmental units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law, be and are directed to perform all acts which shall be necessary to be performed in order to submit the above stated proposition to the duly qualified voters of said County at the Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is further ordered that a certified copy of said proposition be filed with the County Clerk as required by law.

The resolution set forth was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

A vote was thereupon taken on the foregoing resolution and the voter for such resolution was as follows:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

A majority of the members-elect having approved such resolution deems the resolution APPROVED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

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COUNTY OF GRATIOT )

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners, that such resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 7th day of April 2026, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

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Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk