

RESOLUTION 25-04
ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMTRAK SERVICE FROM FLINT TO MACKINAW
CITY

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Northern Michigan do not have reliable transportation to transport Northern Michigan residents and visitors to Flint in a timely fashion to connect to Amtrak Blue Water Train to Chicago that departs at 7:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Cheboygan County has requested that an Amtrak train depart from Flint to Mackinaw City in the late afternoon and return from Mackinaw City to Flint in the early morning so the train can get to Chicago before 10:00 a.m. where a traveler can connect to all trains out of that station; and

WHEREAS, bringing the passenger rail back to Northern Michigan would not only assist all residents with reliable transportation to Flint, Detroit, Chicago, and beyond, it would benefit economic development; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate your attention to this critical matter and your continued commitment to the people of Northern Michigan. We thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to your prompt consideration of this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, we respectfully urge you to consider bringing back passenger rail to Northern Michigan and revive the glory days of old with the Detroit & Mackinaw Railroad; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to all state and federal Michigan lawmakers as well as the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers (MARP).