



**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, Berrien County’s business community has demonstrated incredible resiliency since the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, while some businesses have been fortunate enough to fully recover from their pandemic-related financial losses, others – particularly those within the hospitality sector - continue to face significant economic hardships due to the nature of their industry; and

WHEREAS, recent findings from a National Restaurant Association survey demonstrate how ongoing challenges like heightened consumer hesitancy, low workforce participation rates, historically high inflation rates, and persistent disruptions in the global supply chain have only compounded these economic hardships for Michigan’s restaurants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners recognizes these challenges are also impacting local restaurants and, in an effort to inspire its citizens to frequent them with business and support, hereby declares March of 2022 as “Restaurant Month” throughout Berrien County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners joins the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce in also calling on Congress to replenish the Federal Restaurant Revitalization Fund which could save another 50,000 restaurant jobs currently at-risk in the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports every business and industry in Berrien County, and encourages those eligible to pursue the \$409 million in funds recently made available through the State of Michigan’s Afflicted Relief Grant Program when the application period begins on March 1, 2022.

**Respectfully,
Berrien County Board of Commissioners**

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