RESOLUTION NO. 97-4 LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of LaPorte County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore has announced its intent to revise the general management plan for the east unit which would include the acquisition of eleven miles of U.S. Highway 12 by Park Service to provide a *Scenic Route*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners feel that current access to existing local streets and roads would not be allowed to continue should the acquisition take place; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all local roads and streets remain open and accessible to U.S. Highway 12 in order to provide the residents of LaPorte County the necessary local and emergency traffic as well as the economic security in that area of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners feel that the road maintenance which is necessary to provide safety to the citizens and visitors of LaPorte County cannot be provided properly by the Park Service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose acquisition of U.S. Highway 12 for use as a *Scenic Route* by the National Lakeshore.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1997.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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