

Resolution 2002 - 02

Resolution supporting specific stringent criminal penalties concerning cemetery vandalism

**Whereas** various cemeteries within LaPorte County have been subjected to flagrant and inexcusable acts of vandalism; and

**Whereas** such acts show such a baseless mentality for which there is no explanation concerning such desecration, and

**Whereas** there must be a higher degree of accountability for anyone involved in such acts, and

**Whereas** there is a need for more stringent criminal penalties, specifically for cemetery vandalism, and

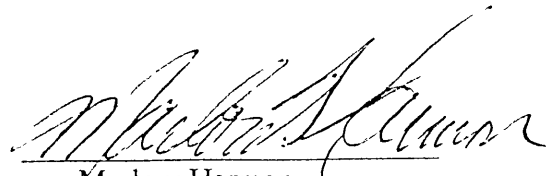
**Whereas** counties do not have the statutory authority to enact any ordinances that prescribe criminal penalties; and

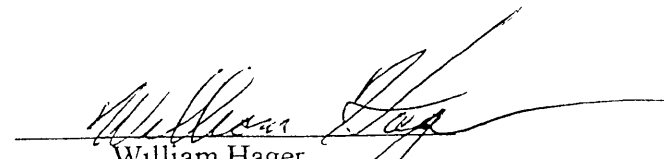
**Whereas** LaPorte County specifically endorses the petition presented and requests the State Legislature to adopt such criminal statutes specifically for cemetery vandalism

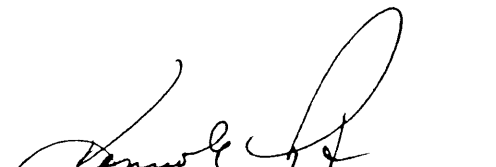
Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County

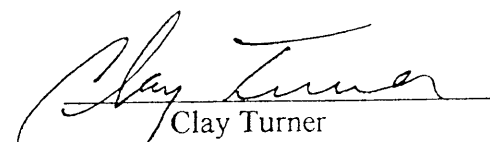
- 1 That the State Legislature adopts specific stringent criminal statute pertaining specifically to cemetery vandalism
- 2 That a copy of this resolution and the petition be sent to our State legislative representative for action
- 3 The Auditor take the necessary steps to transmit this resolution as provided herein

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2002

  
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