Resolution No. 2020-9 of the Board of County Commissioners urging the Indiana Election Commission to authorize “no excuse” mail-in voting for 2020 elections

WHEREAS, the leaders of both the Republican and Democratic state parties have joined in a letter sent this past Friday to the Indiana Election Commission urging any registered voter in Indiana to vote absentee by mail, and

WHEREAS, Indiana voters can only vote absentee by mail if they have a disability, are 65 years old or older, are a member of the military or public safety official, have to work the polls on Election day, may be out of town on Election Day or cite unavailability of transportation or are confined at home due to illness or injury, and

WHEREAS, the leaders of both state political parties believe that for health and safety reasons during the Coronavirus outbreak that voters should simply be able to vote by mail without citing a particular reason, and

WHEREAS, both party leaders also agree that the deadline for mail-in voting should be closer to the election than the current 12 days before, and

WHEREAS, any prospect we can mitigate the risk of exposure of citizens to this virus and allow the social distancing called for by the CDC,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAPORTE COUNTY THAT

We urge the Indiana Election Division to hold a special meeting to authorize the changes called for by both political parties to permit “no excuse” mail-in voting for Indiana voters and to have such changes
adopted as soon as possible to alert all voters in the state of the opportunity to cast a mail-in vote without having to cite an excuse.

All of which is resolved this 18th day of March, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

[Signatures]

Attest: