

Resolution 2021-5

**Resolution of the La Porte County Board of Commissioners in Opposition of the
Removal of the Michigan City/La Porte Metropolitan Statistical Area**

WHEREAS, La Porte County has an obligation to promote orderly growth and development through its offices of community and economic development;

WHEREAS, La Porte County utilizes institutional and educational demographic information provided by the office of budget management Metropolitan Statistical Area for the purpose's economic growth initiatives;

WHEREAS, public investment is targeted in areas that have been identified through the use of Metropolitan Statistical Area statistical data;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED;

La Porte County leadership opposes the removal of Michigan City/La Porte identification as a Metropolitan Statistical Area. This has potential significant funding implications for La Porte County Metropolitan Statistical Area, La Porte County would no longer appear in Site Selector or Company-directed searches using METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL Areas as a filter and/or source of data. Specifically, important wage and occupation data is only offered at the National, State, and Metropolitan Statistical Area level, and Michigan City/La Porte would no longer considered to be a Metropolitan Statistical Area, thus important statistical data would no longer be available to local metros OR to prospective companies.

La Porte County Leadership requests the assistance of state and federal elected official in this regard.

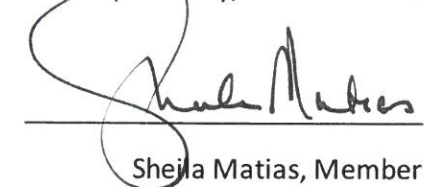
Signed this day 17th March 2021



Rich Mrozinski, President



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