

April
Work ses

Copper Country Republican Party Resolution for BOC

From William D Holcomb <votewdh@gmail.com>
Date Mon 3/9/2026 2:22 PM
To Administrator <administrator@houghtoncounty.gov>

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CCRP Resolution Affirming Cooperation with Federal Immigration Authorities.pdf;

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Good afternoon,

We wish to submit our resolution to the BOC for April's meeting.

Please let me know once this is going to be on the agenda for April!

Thank you!

Dan Holcomb, chairman of the Copper Country Republican Party

906-370-3115

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
AUTHORITIES, SUPPORTING THE RULE OF LAW, ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY, AND
OPPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF COUNTY RESOURCES FOR CIVIL
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners is committed to upholding the Constitution and laws of the United States, including federal immigration statutes enacted by Congress and enforced by agencies such as the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), to ensure public safety and the integrity of our communities;

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article VI), and state and local governments may not obstruct or interfere with federal law enforcement activities absent express constitutional authority;

WHEREAS, cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, including voluntary information sharing and compliance with lawful requests, enhances public safety by identifying and removing individuals who pose risks, including those with criminal convictions or pending charges, thereby protecting all residents regardless of status;

WHEREAS, policies that restrict or prohibit the use of county property, personnel, or resources for federal civil immigration enforcement create de facto barriers to federal operations, potentially shielding individuals who violate federal law and undermining efforts to maintain secure borders and enforce immigration statutes;

WHEREAS, the Fourth Amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures but does not prohibit federal agents from conducting civil immigration enforcement in public areas or with appropriate authority, and administrative warrants issued by ICE are valid tools for such enforcement as recognized by federal law;

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment reserves powers to the states but does not authorize localities to nullify or obstruct federal immigration enforcement programs, as affirmed by U.S. Supreme Court precedents recognizing federal preemption in this field;

WHEREAS, Michigan Technological University and K-12 public schools are vital to the county's economy, education, and future, but federal immigration enforcement does not inherently target educational institutions or disrupt operations when conducted lawfully, and unfounded fears of enforcement should not override cooperation that benefits overall community security;

WHEREAS, prioritizing federal cooperation ensures that taxpayer-funded county resources are used in alignment with national laws, prevents the harboring of individuals in violation of federal statutes, and supports efforts to remove criminal non-citizens who burden local systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms its support for voluntary cooperation with federal immigration authorities, including ICE, in the enforcement of civil and criminal immigration laws, and opposes any policies or resolutions that prohibit, restrict, or discourage such cooperation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county-owned, leased, or managed property, including airports, administrative buildings, parking lots, parks, and other facilities, may be used for federal civil immigration enforcement operations when requested by federal authorities and

consistent with applicable law, without requiring a judicial warrant beyond what federal statutes mandate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Houghton County employees, contractors, and agents are encouraged to assist federal immigration enforcement when such assistance is lawful and does not violate state or county policy, including the sharing of non-public information when authorized by law or necessary for public safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that K-12 public schools, school buses, bus stops, and Michigan Technological University facilities are not designated as zones exempt from lawful federal immigration enforcement, and the county shall not impede federal operations in or near such locations when conducted in accordance with federal law and constitutional protections;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Sheriff and other county agencies shall prioritize public safety by cooperating with federal authorities during immigration enforcement actions, including coordination to minimize disruption while ensuring compliance with federal requests;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is authorized and directed to provide notice of this resolution to all County Department Heads, the Sheriff's Office, local educational boards, Michigan Technological University administration, and Houghton County residents, to affirm the county's commitment to the rule of law and cooperative federalism.

Motion By: Greg Markkanen Seconded By: Levi Kacmar

Roll Call: Ayes 12 Nays: 0

Signed By: Dan Holcomb Date: 3/5/26
Daniel Holcomb — Copper Country Republican Party Chairman

ADOPTED BY THE HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This _____ day of _____, 2026.

Moved by Commissioner: _____

Supported by Commissioner: _____

Vote:

Yeas: _____ Nays: _____

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Cybersecurity Services

Issue Date: [Insert Date]

Proposal Due Date: [Insert Date]

1. Introduction

Houghton County is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide comprehensive cybersecurity services to protect the County's information technology infrastructure, systems, and data.

The County operates a variety of critical systems supporting governmental functions, public safety, financial operations, and public services. The selected vendor will play a key role in strengthening the County's cybersecurity posture and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations and best practices.

2. Objective

The objective of this RFP is to secure a qualified cybersecurity provider to:

- Assess current cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities
 - Implement and/or recommend security controls and improvements
 - Monitor systems for threats and respond to incidents
 - Support compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and standards
 - Provide ongoing cybersecurity guidance and support
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3. Scope of Services

The selected firm may be asked to provide some or all of the following services:

A. Risk Assessment & Auditing

- Conduct comprehensive cybersecurity risk assessments
- Perform vulnerability scans and penetration testing
- Identify gaps in policies, procedures, and technical controls

- Provide detailed reports with prioritized recommendations

B. Managed Security Services

- Continuous network monitoring and threat detection
- Endpoint protection and response
- Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) services
- Firewall and intrusion detection/prevention system management

C. Incident Response

- Develop and/or update incident response plans
- Provide breach response and forensic investigation services
- Assist with reporting requirements and remediation

D. Compliance & Policy Development

- Assist with compliance (e.g., CJIS, HIPAA, PCI-DSS, as applicable)
- Develop and update cybersecurity policies and procedures
- Provide audit support and documentation

E. Training & Awareness

- Conduct employee cybersecurity awareness training
- Provide phishing simulations and reporting tools

F. Additional Services

- Backup and disaster recovery planning
- Business continuity planning
- Security architecture consulting

4. Vendor Qualifications

Proposers should demonstrate:

- Experience providing cybersecurity services to government entities or similarly complex organizations

- Relevant certifications (e.g., CISSP, CISM, CEH, etc.)
 - Knowledge of applicable regulatory requirements
 - Proven incident response capabilities
 - Ability to provide references from comparable clients
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5. Proposal Requirements

Proposals should include the following:

A. Company Information

- Company overview and history
- Organizational structure
- Key personnel and qualifications

B. Approach & Methodology

- Description of services offered
- Proposed approach to cybersecurity management
- Tools and technologies utilized

C. Experience

- Relevant project experience
- Case studies or examples
- References (minimum of three)

D. Pricing

- Detailed fee structure (hourly, fixed, or retainer-based)
- Any additional costs or optional services

E. Timeline

- Proposed implementation timeline
 - Availability for ongoing support
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Experience and qualifications
 - Understanding of County needs
 - Quality and completeness of proposal
 - Cost and value
 - References
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7. Submission Instructions

Proposals must be submitted no later than **[Insert Deadline Date and Time]**.

Submissions should be sent to:

[Insert Contact Name]
Houghton County Administrator's Office
[Insert Email Address]

Late submissions may not be considered.

8. Questions

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to **[Insert Email Address]** by **[Insert Date]**.

9. Terms and Conditions

- Houghton County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals
 - The County may request additional information or interviews
 - The selected vendor will be required to enter into a formal agreement
 - All costs associated with proposal preparation are the responsibility of the proposer
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10. Confidentiality

All information submitted will be subject to applicable public records laws, including the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

11. Contract Term

The anticipated contract term is **[Insert Term, e.g., one (1) year with optional renewals]**.

Addition to Scope of Services / General Requirements

The selected cybersecurity firm must demonstrate the ability and willingness to work collaboratively with Houghton County's contracted IT service provider. This includes coordinating efforts, sharing relevant information, and ensuring that cybersecurity measures are effectively integrated with existing IT operations and infrastructure.

The firm shall be expected to:

- Communicate regularly and effectively with the County's IT contractor
- Coordinate implementation of security tools, protocols, and remediation efforts
- Avoid duplication of services and ensure a complementary approach to IT and cybersecurity functions
- Participate in joint planning, incident response, and system reviews as needed

Proposers should describe their experience working alongside third-party IT providers and their approach to maintaining a cooperative and efficient working relationship.

Houghton County Policy: Network Outage and Operational Disruption (Draft)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent procedures for maintaining operations during network outages or significant IT disruptions, and to provide guidance on employee expectations, productivity, and compensation during such events.

Scope

This policy applies to all Houghton County departments and employees whose work is impacted by network or system outages.

Policy Statement

Houghton County is committed to maintaining continuity of operations to the greatest extent possible during network outages. Employees are expected to remain productive and perform alternative duties when feasible.

Definition of Network Outage

A network outage is defined as a disruption to County-operated systems (including internet, servers, email, or software platforms) that prevents employees from performing their normal job functions.

Procedures

1. Initial Response (0–2 Hours)

- Employees are expected to remain at their workstation or assigned work area.
- Department Heads or Supervisors should:
 - Notify IT immediately.
 - Communicate status updates to staff.
 - Assign alternative work where possible.

2. Intermediate Response (2–4 Hours)

- If the outage persists beyond two (2) hours:

- Department Heads should assess operational impact.
- Employees should be reassigned to alternative productive tasks (see Section 4).
- If no alternative work is available, employees should remain available and on-site unless otherwise directed.

3. Extended Outage (4+ Hours)

- If the outage exceeds four (4) hours:
 - Department Heads may, with approval from the County Administrator, release employees for the remainder of the workday.
 - Consideration should be given to:
 - Ability to perform essential services
 - Public-facing responsibilities
 - Equity across departments

4. Alternative Work Assignments

During outages, employees may be assigned duties that do not require network access, including but not limited to:

- Filing, organizing, and records management
- Cleaning and organizing workspaces or common areas
- Reviewing paper files
- Completing training materials (if accessible offline)
- Assisting other departments with operational needs

Employee Expectations

- Employees are expected to remain engaged and available during outages unless officially released.
- Employees must follow supervisory direction regarding reassignment.
- Unauthorized departure from the workplace may result in use of leave time or disciplinary action.

Compensation

- Non-exempt employees will be compensated for all hours worked in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
- If employees are released early:
 - Non-exempt employees will be paid only for hours worked unless otherwise authorized.
 - Exempt employees will receive their full salary for the workweek, in accordance with FLSA regulations.

Cleaning duties should be limited to **light, general workplace upkeep** (e.g., organizing files, wiping surfaces, decluttering shared spaces), and should **not involve hazardous conditions or specialized custodial work** unless that is part of the employee's job description.

Authority

Department Heads are responsible for implementing this policy. Final authority for early release of employees rests with the County Administrator and/ or Board of County Commissioners.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.

Houghton County Policy: Inclement Weather and Emergency Closures (Draft)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear procedures for County operations during inclement weather or emergency conditions, and to ensure the safety of employees and the public while maintaining essential services.

Scope

This policy applies to all Houghton County departments and employees.

Policy Statement

Houghton County will make reasonable efforts to remain open during inclement weather. However, the safety of employees and the public is the primary consideration when determining whether to delay operations or close County offices.

Authority to Close or Delay

- The **County Administrator**, in consultation with the **Board Chair (or designee)**, has the authority to:
 - Close County offices
 - Delay opening
 - Release employees early
- The County Emergency Management Director and/or Board Chair shall maintain communication with the Houghton County Road Commission (including the Managing Director, Kevin Harju) to obtain current road safety conditions and the status of local school closures when making closure or delay decisions.

Timing of Closure Decisions

- Decisions to close or delay County operations should be made **no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the normal workday**, whenever possible.

- In rapidly changing or emergency conditions, decisions may be made after this timeframe as necessary.

Notification Procedures

When a closure or delay is declared:

- Notification will be made via:
 - Official County email
 - Local media outlets
 - Ready Op (for employees that opted in)
- Department Heads are responsible for ensuring employees in their departments receive timely notification.

Operational Status Options

1. Full Closure

- All non-essential County offices are closed.
- Only designated essential personnel are required to report to work.

2. Delayed Opening

- Offices will open at a specified later time.
- Employees should report at the delayed start time unless otherwise directed.

3. Early Release

- Employees may be dismissed prior to the end of the workday due to worsening conditions.

Essential Personnel

- Each Department Head shall identify essential personnel required to maintain critical operations.
- Essential employees are expected to report to work unless otherwise directed.

Employee Expectations

When Offices Remain Open

- Employees are expected to report to work as scheduled.
- Employees who feel unsafe traveling may:
 - Use available leave time (vacation, personal, or compensatory time), or
 - Request supervisory approval for alternative arrangements

When Offices Are Closed or Delayed

- Non-essential employees should not report to work during the closure period.
- Employees must follow official communications regarding reporting times.

Remote Work (If Applicable)

- Employees may be authorized to work remotely during inclement weather if:
 - Approved by their Department Head, and
 - Operationally feasible

Department Head Responsibilities

- Ensure continuity of critical services
- Communicate expectations clearly to staff
- Coordinate with the County Administrator regarding operational impacts

Safety Considerations

Employees shall not be required to travel or work under conditions that pose an immediate threat to their health or safety. When County facilities remain open, employees who have reasonable safety concerns regarding travel conditions are encouraged to exercise sound judgment and may utilize available leave balances, in accordance with County policy, for

time not worked.

Monitoring of County Facilities

When a County facility is closed for more than three (3) consecutive days, or when there is a known or suspected structural concern, a facility inspection shall be conducted. The inspection should include, at a minimum, observation of boilers, generators (where applicable), IT infrastructure, doorways, windows, and the building perimeter, including floors, for evidence of leaks or damage.

Responsibility for conducting these inspections shall be assigned as follows: the County Sheriff or designee for the Sheriff's Office; the Airport Manager or designee for the Airport; the Harbormaster or designee for the Marina; the Materials Management Manager or designee for the Materials Management Facility; and the Building and Grounds Manager or designee for the Courthouse.

Each department is strongly encouraged to develop a facility-specific standard operating procedure that establishes a clear chain of responsibility in the event the designated individual is unavailable, and outlines any additional building-specific inspection or monitoring requirements.

Review

This policy shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary.

KEWEENAW

MEMBER OF **GMC**

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**2026 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
LT**

VIN : 3GC PKKEK8TG155250 |
Stock # : 260512
Mileage : 260 mi
Color : SUMMIT WHITE

Cash

\$0.00 Customer Cash	\$50,014.00
Rebates	\$4,900.00

Payment Detail

MSRP	\$54,695.00
Discount	\$1,735.00
Our Price	\$52,960.00
Rebates	\$4,900.00
Accessories	\$1,659.00
Title Fee	\$15.00
Documentation Fee	\$280.00
Taxes 0	\$0.00
Amount Financed	\$50,014.00

Re: Quote

From Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>

Date Tue 3/31/2026 9:29 AM

To Todd LaRoux <inspector@houghtoncounty.gov>; Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>; Roy Britz <roy.britz@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc Tom Bingham <tom.bingham@houghtoncounty.gov>

Thanks Todd,

We'll include this on next Monday's work session agenda.

- Tom

From: Todd LaRoux <inspector@houghtoncounty.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:25 AM

To: Chelsea Rheault <chelsea@houghtoncounty.gov>; Tom Tikkanen <tom.tikkanen@houghtoncounty.gov>; Roy Britz <roy.britz@houghtoncounty.gov>

Cc: Tom Bingham <tom.bingham@houghtoncounty.gov>

Subject: Fw: Quote

Hello All

Here is the quote from Keweenaw Chev. for a new truck for the Building Department. Let me know how I should proceed with the purchase.

Thank you,

Todd LaRoux
Houghton County Building Official
(906) 482-2260
(906) 370-0965

From: Jonathon Crawford <jcrawford@upchevygmc.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:10 AM

To: Todd LaRoux <inspector@houghtoncounty.gov>

Subject: Quote

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KEWEENAW

WE DELIVER.



Todd,
Here is the quote for the Truck. It includes the light and a Tonneau Cover. Just let me know what you think!

Jonathon Crawford

Sales Consultant

Keweenaw Chevrolet, GMC

1705 Memorial Rd

Houghton, MI,49931

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**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

Please fill out the following form to request an item be added to the agenda for the upcoming Houghton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitter Information:

- Name: Krissy Sundstrom
- Department/Organization (if applicable): Copper Country Recycling Initiative
- Phone Number: 906.370.5747
- Email Address: krissy@coppercountryrecycling.com

Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: International Compost Awareness Week Resolution
- Requested Meeting Date: April 6 Work Session per Chairman
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

A resolution to declare May 3-9, 2026 International Compost Awareness Week to raise awareness of composting and recognize all who compost in Houghton County

- Are you requesting time to speak at the meeting?
 Yes
 No
- Supporting Documents Attached?
 Yes
 No
 (If yes, please list): Letter, State Resolution, and Template

Signature: Krissy Sundstrom

Date: 3/29/2026

Agenda Item

From Krissy Sundstrom <krissy@coppercountryrecycling.com>

Date Mon 3/30/2026 1:17 AM

To Agenda <agenda@houghtoncounty.gov>

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Hello Houghton County Commissioners,

Please find the attached agenda item request and supporting documents for the April 6, 2026 work session.

Thank you,

Krissy Sundstrom

Board Member/Communications and Outreach Volunteer

Copper Country Recycling Initiative

<https://coppercountryrecycling.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/coppercountryrecycling/>



COPPER COUNTRY Recycling Initiative

26298 E Grosse Point Shores Road
Hancock, MI 49930

March 27, 2026

Houghton County Board of Commissioners
401 East Houghton Ave
Houghton, MI 49931

Dear Houghton County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for your continued service to Houghton County and for your ongoing discussions regarding materials management and the costs associated with waste disposal.

Food waste and other organic materials make up one third of our landfill waste. When sent to landfills, compostable materials contribute to methane emissions and leachate production. Leachate from the K&W Landfill in Ontonagon is transported back to Houghton County for treatment at our wastewater facility, increasing both financial and environmental costs.

One practical and cost-effective way to reduce these impacts is to encourage backyard composting. Composting food scraps and yard waste decreases the volume of material sent to the landfill while returning nutrients to local soils. Backyard composting requires minimal equipment and is free to the County and low-cost for residents.

At a Western UP Materials Management Planning Committee meeting, it was noted that glacial activity displaced much of our region's fertile soil, leaving sandy soils and limited topsoil. Composting therefore supports not only waste reduction but also long-term soil health and community resilience by keeping nutrients local rather than sending them to the landfill.

International Compost Awareness Week will be observed May 3 to 9, 2026, with the theme "Compost! Feed the Soil that Feeds Us." The Governor of Michigan has previously proclaimed this week statewide, and other counties have adopted local resolutions recognizing it.

We respectfully request that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution recognizing International Compost Awareness Week in May 2026. Such recognition would:

- **Raise public awareness about organics diversion**
- **Encourage voluntary backyard composting**
- **Support long-term cost reduction in waste management**
- **Reinforce stewardship of Houghton County's natural resources**

We believe this is a practical, non-partisan action that aligns with fiscal responsibility and community resilience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Nagel
Executive Director
Copper Country Recycling Initiative

2025 State of Michigan Resolution

May 4 - 10, 2025: Compost Awareness Week

May 04, 2025

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil and is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion; and,

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling; and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals; and,

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures, and hay shavings, when properly managed to protect public health and the environment, have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and,

WHEREAS, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have a significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change, and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects; and,

WHEREAS, composting supports the MI Healthy Climate Plan to promote economic development, protect water and air quality, improve public health, and lessen reliance on landfills; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Sustainable Communities Begin with Compost! The 2025 theme highlights composting of all kinds of communities at any scale - from backyard home composter, to community composters, to large-scale facilities, to all those who recognize the many benefits of using compost on our soils. Composting empowers communities to manage their own waste, create job opportunities, and support healthy soils with locally made compost; and,

WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and other countries have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the efforts of the Compost Research & Education Foundation, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, watershed health advocates, and plant growers everywhere who contribute to the positive impacts of composting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025 as Compost Awareness Week in Michigan.

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
401 East Houghton Ave Houghton, MI 49931
(906) 482-8307

A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
(May 3-9, 2026)

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WHEREAS, composting supports the MI Healthy Climate Plan to promote economic development, protect water and air quality, improve public health, and lessen reliance on landfills; and

WHEREAS, the Compost Research & Education Foundation, along with Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and other countries have declared the first full week of May to be the annual International Compost Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Compost: Feed the Soil that Feeds Us. The 2026 theme was chosen with the goal of highlighting the benefits of composting in agriculture and food production, and its role in supporting healthy, nutritious food, and by extension, healthy people and communities. Beyond responsible waste management, composting recognizes the interconnectedness between every person who eats and the earth that provides all of our food, as well as our agency in feeding the earth our scraps so that the soil may continue to provide for us abundantly. Compost grows healthy soil, healthy food, and a healthy Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the week of May 3, 2026 through May 9, 2026 as International Compost Awareness Week, in recognition of the efforts of Houghton County households, businesses, farmers, landscapers, extension agents, recyclers, public workers, composters, watershed health advocates, and plant growers everywhere who contribute to the positive impacts of composting.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Moved by Commissioner:

Supported by Commissioner:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No:

Motion carried/failed.

Tom Tikkanen, Chairman
Houghton County Board of Commission

Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.