

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:**  
Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has announced the Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP), an incentive program that will allocate \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funding to address the COVID-19 impacts in Michigan communities by providing real estate and place-based infrastructure development gap financing through grants' regional partners who develop coordinated sub-grant programs; and

**WHEREAS**, projects eligible for RAP funding must be within the qualified census tracts and consist of mixed-use commercial and public place-based infrastructure within traditional downtowns; and

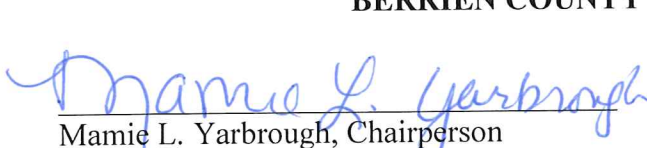
**WHEREAS**, the City of Benton Harbor and City of Niles are located in qualified census tracts; and

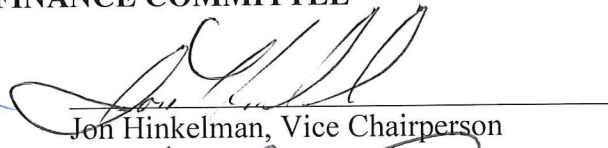
**WHEREAS**, Cornerstone Alliance and The Niles Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have requested that Berrien County submit a regional application on behalf of their entities for proposed place-based infrastructure and mixed-use redevelopment projects located within the downtowns of the City of Niles and the City of Benton Harbor; and

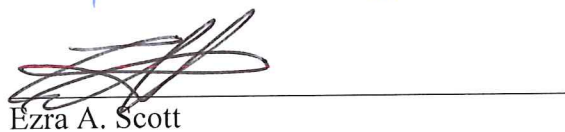
**WHEREAS**, the Community Development Department has reviewed these proposed projects and regards them as eligible for RAP funding.

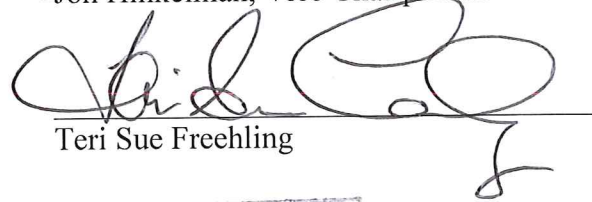
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT** the County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Community Development Department to prepare and submit the application for funding the proposed Cornerstone Alliance and Niles DDA projects through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Revitalization & Placemaking Program.


**Respectfully submitted,  
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

  
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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative 	Date 5-18-22
Comments Attached	
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