

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

Resolution of Appreciation to  
Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger  
Meridian Township Deer  
Management Program

**RESOLUTION**

At a virtual regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 20th day of April 2021, at 6:00 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Opsommer, Sundland, Wisinski

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Wisinski and supported by Trustee Jackson.

**WHEREAS**, the Meridian Township Deer Management Program began in 2011 in response to numerous concerns from residents regarding deer damage to personal property; an increase in car/deer collisions; and damage to the natural ecosystems in Meridian Township's 2,000 acres of parks and land preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Meridian Township's Deer Management Program strives to help maintain healthy deer, habitats, and outdoor recreational opportunities while achieving management goals; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the volunteer archery program experienced its most successful season to date harvesting 176 deer; and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2021, the police culled an additional 150 deer within areas of the Township that have experienced the highest number of deer/car collisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the 2020-2021 cull is attributed to the effective collaborative efforts of the Meridian Township Board and Administration, Department of Public Works staff, Parks and Recreation Department staff, Police Department, 75 volunteer archery hunters, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division, Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization, Ingham County Parks, and numerous private homeowners and companies including Delta Dental that allowed the Deer Management Program to operate on their property for the purpose of reducing the overpopulated deer heard in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger Organization has financially supported the Meridian Township Deer Management program since 2011 by funding deer processing fees each year for venison donations to local food banks; and

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**WHEREAS**, special recognition is given today for their one year contribution of \$11,084 to fund the deer processing of 6,334 pounds of venison which Meridian Township distributed to local food banks that fed the needy in our community, as well as, people throughout the Greater Lansing Area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN** extends its gratitude to all that were involved for their service to the community in an effort to reduce the deer population and to increase the health of our natural lands.

ADOPTED:

YEAS: Treasurer Deschaine, Clerk Guthrie, Supervisor Styka, Trustees Wisinski, Sundland, Opsommer, Jackson

NAYS:

The resolution passed 7-0



STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF INGHAM         )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Meridian Township Board on the 20th day of April 2021.

  
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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk