

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO WESLEY PRATER FOR HIS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 5, 2012

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County recognizes Wesley Prater for his eight years of services as a Washtenaw County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County Commissioner Wesley Prater began his career in public service with the Ann Arbor Fire Department, where he admirably served for 25 years advancing to the position of Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from the Ann Arbor Fire Department, Commissioner Prater continued to serve his community; first as Trustee of Ypsilanti Township, where he served for 14 years, and then as Ypsilanti Township Supervisor from 1988 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Prater was first elected to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in 2001, serving three terms, until 2006. He was then again elected to serve from 2010 until 2012. During which time, Commissioner Prater stood as a champion of government transparency and efficiency; always looking for community engagement and input in all parts of government; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Commissioner Prater continued his community service by serving multiple Boards, such as the Accommodations Ordinance Commission, Retirement Commission, and Road Commission. In addition his service on the Local Development Finance Authority was during a time where tough decision to cut the budget had to be made. His ideas and contributions when serving led to budget cuts that saved jobs and programs by finding ways to increase efficiency in departments; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Prater has proposed green initiative developments in order to preserve a beautiful environment for future generations and to create new jobs within the community, and is a champion of services to veterans throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wesley Prater has been a devoted husband to his wife, Barbara Prater, and dedicated father to his two sons, Greg Prater and the late Joseph Prater.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Wesley Prater for his dedication and devotion in improving the lives of the citizens of Washtenaw County during his services as a Commissioner, and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Conan Smith, Chair of the Board
Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 10