

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO RICHARD M. FLEECE  
FOR OVER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WASHTENAW COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 4, 2013

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece joined Washtenaw County Government on October 27, 1975 as a Sanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece was appointed Washtenaw County Environmental Health Director in 1994 and Health Officer in 2009 and has served the citizens of Washtenaw County with honor, integrity, and distinction for thirty-eight (38) years; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece is held in the highest regard by his peers for his enthusiastic, caring and dedicated direction and expertise during his career with Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, over his career in Public and Environmental Health, Richard M. Fleece has been instrumental in the development of model programs, including the Regulation for the Management, Treatment and Disposal of Onsite Wastewater, the Privately Owned Community Sewage Systems Regulation, the Washtenaw County Rules and Regulations for the Protection of Groundwater, the Washtenaw County Regulation for Onsite Water and Sewage Disposal System Inspection at Time of Property Transfer, also known as the Time of Sale Regulation; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Richard M. Fleece has been instrumental in the receipt and management of various grants that have had lasting impacts on our community, including a multimillion grant for a rodent abatement program in Ypsilanti City and Ypsilanti Township and an EPA EMPACT grant to create an interactive website for real-time environmental data in southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Environmental Health Association in 1983-1986 and served as President in 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Richard M. Fleece was awarded the Service Appreciation Award by the Michigan Environmental Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece served on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators in 2000-2003 and served as President in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Fleece served as the President of the Environmental Health Forum of the Michigan Association of Local Public Health in 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 Richard M. Fleece was awarded the V. Harry Adrounie Founders Award by the Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Richard M. Fleece was awarded the LaRue L. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award by the Michigan Environmental Health Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Richard M. Fleece was awarded the Leadership Award from Washtenaw County Administration; and

WHEREAS, receiving these awards represent the recognition of inspirational leadership, vision, compassion and commitment of Richard M. Fleece; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners recognizes the hard work and dedication that Richard M. Fleece has demonstrated in his thirty-eight (38) years of service to Washtenaw County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates Richard M. Fleece on his accomplishments and commitment to the Washtenaw County community and extends its best wishes to him in his retirement.