



PROCLAMATION BY THE KENT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the centennial celebration of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) having first originated on March 17, 1916, as the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research. With the merger of the Michigan Public Expenditure Survey in 1949, the Bureau became a statewide organization and adopted its new name and identity; and

WHEREAS, the CRC is an independent, non-partisan source of credible information that Kent County officials and the local governments within it rely on; and

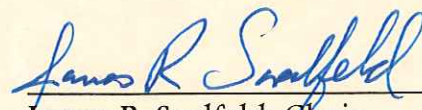
WHEREAS, over the last century, the CRC has proven itself as a vital resource to those whom it serves. The CRC has assisted government entities in navigating difficult economic times when State funding was susceptible to cuts and reduced appropriations, helped government officials understand and navigate their way through complicated issues and to identify efficiencies that keep taxes levied at minimal levels. The CRC has helped create a political atmosphere in which efficiency and economy can be identified and promoted; and

WHEREAS, the CRC strives to work with citizens by helping them understand the governments that serve them, informing them about the activities of their governments, and facilitating their understanding of the decisions made by public officials elected to serve them; and

WHEREAS, during the past 100 years, the CRC has also been recognized for its dedication to authentic and reliable research and studies of Michigan's economic health; its active role in metropolitan problems and higher education; and its supervision of a college graduate fellowship program for advanced study and investigating in the field of governmental research.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board Chair James R. Saalfeld, on behalf of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, hereby congratulate the Citizens Research Council of Michigan on its continued growth, honorable service to Michigan's citizens and governmental offices, and wish them continued future success.




James R. Saalfeld, Chair
Kent County
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