

# **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Houghton County Board of Commissioners  
will hold a Special Meeting on  
Friday, September 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM,  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor in the conference room  
of the Houghton County Courthouse  
located at 401 E Houghton Ave., Houghton MI 49931;  
Contact Phone Number (906) 482-8307.

The purpose of the meeting will be for a discussion  
pertaining to revisiting Canal View Resolution 22-13.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CANAL VIEW – HOUGHTON COUNTY’S COVID  
RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR LESSING OF RESTRICTIONS

RESOLUTION #22-13

WHEREAS, the required response to the pandemic over an extended period of time has had a negative impact on the community, residents and employees of Canal View, and other health care industries.

WHEREAS, our residents, staff and community are an essential aspect of Canal View and we have proven our ability to keep our residents, employees and community safe and,

WHEREAS, our community nursing homes are vital to the overall health of the community and need to be able to operate in a manner that promotes both a healthy workforce and residents and,

WHEREAS, our health care system is essential within our community and we need to be able to safely provide plentiful services to our residents and,

WHEREAS, vaccines and available treatments has significantly lowered the spread and mortality rates of COVID-19 in our community which is essential to the prosperity of our community, operation of businesses, schools and universities, and safe access to healthcare, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has mutated to the extent that it is significantly less likely to cause severe illness or death, and,

WHEREAS, the healthcare industry has lost an estimated 20% of its workforce, including 30% of nurses, has resulted in limited available services locally and puts our local healthcare organizations at risk of closure, and

WHEREAS, the healthcare labor force reveals a 1400% growth in the numbers of nurses moving to gig models –traveler, day-agency and other types of per diem – since the start of the pandemic, which has resulted in a significant increase in the local healthcare workers leaving the area and/or full-time employment and an increasing reliance on temporary workers, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Houghton support Canal View in their plight to relax continued masking and surveillance testing, except in the case of suspected or confirmed COVID.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize that Canal View has followed the applicable MDHHS rules, CMS regulations and CDC guidance by adhering to the core principles of infection control, and have thereby demonstrated their thorough knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 and should be able to continue to be able to manage infectious diseases within their facility as such. Let it be known that Canal View's practices and procedures are effective at mitigating spread and severe illness.

HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS )

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON )

I, JENNIFER KELLY, Clerk of the Houghton County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on September 16, 2022.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Houghton, Houghton, Michigan, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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Jennifer Kelly

Houghton County Clerk

Houghton County Board of Commissioners

Resolution in Support of Canal View

Nursing Home Facility

Resolution #22-13 (A)

WHEREAS, the residents of Houghton County trust Canal View Nursing Home to care for our residents in need of skilled long-term care, and

WHEREAS, the employees of Canal View strive everyday to uphold this trust without compromise, and

WHEREAS, Canal View continues to deliver the highest quality of care even during the most difficult Covid-19 circumstances, and

WHEREAS, Canal View is a County owned 197 bed facility with over 300 employees dedicated to providing the best care possible, and

WHEREAS, Covid-19 has contributed to staffing shortages and staff turnover at Canal View and nursing homes all over the country causing tremendous pressures on our healthcare system,

WHEREAS, Canal View had followed all Covid-19 guidelines required from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the State of Michigan,

WHEREAS, Covid-19 vaccines and available testing and drugs have significantly reduced the spread and mortality rating in our community,

WHEREAS, our community owned nursing home is vital to the overall health of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners appreciates the dedication and professionalism of all Canal View employees during this Covid-19 pandemic and the contribution each employee has made to make Canal View such a quality nursing home for county residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of advocacy undertaken by Canal View Administration, Kimberly Salmi to lessen masking and testing when appropriate;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to distribute this resolution to Senator Stabenow, Senator Peters and Congressman Bergman.

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