WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution #05-044, which amended the purchasing policies to include a provision for local purchasing preference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to continue utilizing the Local Purchasing Preference Policy (LPPP) believing that it encourages local vendors to provide good and services to Ingham County government resulting in increased economic activity through more local jobs, tax revenues, and expenditures, and that it entices business relocations to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the LPPP needs to be amended to include a provision for addressing bidding scenarios where there are multiple registered local vendors (RLVs) bidding on a County contract and where the low bidder is utilizing non-local subcontractors for more than fifty percent (50%) of the contract work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes amending the Local Purchasing Preference Policy to include the following language:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when there are two registered local vendors (RLVs) bidding on a County contract and when the low bidder is utilizing non-local subcontractors for more than fifty percent (50%) of the contract work, then the non-low RLV who is within ten percent (10%) of the lowest RLV’s bid and who is also utilizing non-local subcontractors for less than fifty percent (50%) for the contract, shall be given an opportunity to reduce its cost to match the low RLV’s bid, and in doing so, shall be recommended for the award of the contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that there are multiple RLVs who are within ten percent (10%) of the lowest RLV who is using more than fifty percent (50%) of non-local vendors for the contract, the RLV who is utilizing the largest percentage of local subcontractors shall be given an opportunity to reduce its cost to match the low RLV’s bid, and in doing so, be recommended for award of the contract; provided, however, that the percentage of non-local subcontractors utilized does not exceed fifty percent (50%); in the event that all non-low RLVs are using the same percentage of local subcontractors, the Purchasing Director shall toss a coin to determine the recommended bidder for contract award.