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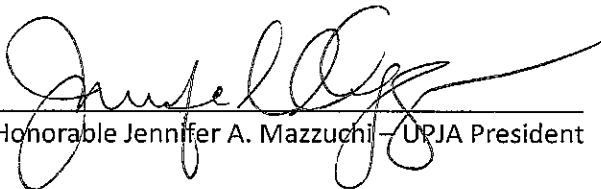
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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

The Upper Peninsula Judges Association stands united in its support of an independent judiciary. Justice requires that we objectively and consistently apply our laws and constitution. This commitment and dedication to jurisprudence sometimes results in decisions that may be deemed unpopular from various political, social, and economic perspectives. However, judges must remain free from these influences when carrying out their constitutional duties.

Judges come from many different political, racial, economic and philosophical backgrounds and they can possess a wide variety of beliefs. But when it comes time to put on the robe and do their job, they are required to objectively follow the law. It is wholly inappropriate and unacceptable for political operatives to attempt to influence judicial decision making.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for these reasons, we commend Michigan Supreme Court Justice Clement for courageously exercising the type of independent, thoughtful, and principled thinking that has been a hallmark of our judiciary. Despite both real and perceived political headwinds, Justice Clement chose to follow her interpretation of the law and not the path of political expedience.



Honorable Jennifer A. Mazzuchi – UPJA President