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## BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF COUNTY OF HILLSDALE

### “SIGN REWARD POLICY”

**Signed: October 24, 2002**

On Thursday, December 3, 1987, the Board of Hillsdale County Road Commissioners at their regularly scheduled board meeting adopted a Sign Reward Policy offering to the public a \$500.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for stealing and/or vandalizing traffic control devices owned by the Hillsdale County Road Commission. The policy includes and authorizes the purchase of warning stickers to be affixed to the backs of the signs, as the sign department sees fit, to forewarn violators of the penalties by law. One sign reward per incident is offered.

On May 16, 1996, the Board of County Road Commissioners at their regularly scheduled board meeting authorized the payment of a sign reward to two of our employees in accordance with the previously adopted Sign Reward Policy; therefore, all road commission employees shall be eligible for a sign reward under the same terms as offered to the general public.

The purpose of the reward policy is to encourage the public to help monitor traffic signs to assist in the prevention of vandalism and theft. Vandalism and theft are not only costly, but often create unnecessary hazardous situations for motorists and pedestrians who travel county roads. The purpose of traffic signs is to help provide safe conditions for all motorists who travel on Hillsdale County roads.

Should a citizen witness a traffic sign being vandalized or stolen, the Board requests that they immediately report the crime to the Hillsdale County Sheriff Department or the Michigan State Police Post in Jonesville. The policy agency will report the missing or vandalized sign(s) to the Hillsdale County Road Commission and road commission crews will repair or replace the sign(s). Verification from the applicable police agency or court substantiating that an arrest and conviction of person(s) was made, due to information provided by the proposed recipient(s) of said sign reward, will be required before the board authorizes payment of the sign reward.

The board hereby reaffirms the sign reward policy on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

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