

News Release

Woodward applauds Governor's focus on bold action for public health and economic recovery during State of the State Address

County Commission to explore ways to advance public health and economic recovery initiatives that align with Oakland County priorities

January 27, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – Tonight, Board Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) issued the following statement in reaction to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's 2021 State of the State Address:

"Governor Whitmer's leadership during this pandemic has saved thousands of Michiganders' lives. The COVID-19 recovery plan she outlined tonight is good for Oakland County and our state. I applaud her bold vision to protect our public health, while supporting small businesses, getting people back to work and our kids back to school.

We will only get through this by working together. Lansing needs leaders willing to put partisan differences aside and focus on the needs of people in Michigan who are still struggling with the impact of this pandemic. Here in Oakland County, Democrats and Republicans, continue to work in cooperation with the county administration to protect public health, and chart a course for a strong economic recovery that works for everyone. The state legislature should follow our lead and work with the Governor to improve things for all Michigan families and workers."

Woodward will be requesting Board committee chairs and all commissioners review proposals outlined during the speech. He will also ask them to explore ways Oakland County can help advocate and support efforts to grow the state economy and pass the Michigan COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

"State and local leaders need to pull together to get through this pandemic," Woodward said. "We need to remain focused on the goal. Better times are within sight, but we need each other to get there."

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