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News Release

Oakland County Board of Commissioners Chairman Woodward reacts to Executive Coulter's 2021 State of the County Address

May 19, 2021, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – Tonight, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Chairman David T. Woodward (D-Royal Oak) issued the following statements in reaction to County Executive David Coulter's 2021 State of the County Address.

On Coulter's speech:

"Tonight's address affirms our commitment to building an inclusive Oakland County where everyone can succeed. This is vitally important, not just today as we emerge from the pandemic, but as the guiding vision for our future. As illustrated tonight, we do this by improving economic conditions for all working and low-income families, confronting and addressing racial bias, and embracing solutions to combat climate change by encouraging growth of the green economy. The Board is excited to partner with Executive Coulter, and we look forward to working closely with him and his team to achieve unprecedented prosperity for everyone in Oakland County.

I agree with our county executive. The state of our county is resilient and will emerge stronger than we entered the pandemic. We heard about it tonight through the stories of all we've accomplished together. Every day forward we get to see it and feel it as we come out of this together. Our county is strong, and we know the future is even brighter for all of us if we keep doing this together. Oakland Together!"

On Oakland County's recovery from the pandemic:

"Our recovery from this pandemic will be spurred by investment in public health, supports for working families and strong economic recovery growth that everyone gets to share in. Over the past year, in great partnership with Executive Coulter, we moved more money, faster and more efficiently to our local communities, local schools, seniors, families, veterans, and to our small

businesses here in Oakland County than in any other county in the nation – and it's helping us to get through this together.

We did a lot. We learned a lot. And we are excited about this next phase as we continue our economic recovery."

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