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Prusi Legislation to Convey U.P. State Fairgrounds Property to Delta County Signed by Governor

LANSING, Mich.— Senate Democratic Leader Mike Prusi (D-Ishpeming) today announced that Governor Jennifer Granholm has signed Senate Bill 596 into law as Public Act 72 of 2009. Prusi's legislation will authorize the State Administrative Board to convey the U.P. State Fairgrounds property to Delta County for \$1 provided the property is utilized for public use, allowing the U.P. State Fair to continue with local management. State funding for both the U.P. State Fair and the Michigan State Fair will not continue beyond the current state Fiscal Year ending September 30th.

“I want to thank the Governor for supporting and signing Senate Bill 596, and I appreciate the quick fashion in which my House colleagues passed this legislation as well,” Prusi said. “However, I again want to state that the real thanks for keeping the U.P. State Fair going should go to all of the local officials in Delta County and throughout the U.P. who immediately stepped up to the plate to ensure a smooth transition from state to local operation.”

“I am thrilled that local and state leaders came together with the community to keep the U.P. State Fair thriving,” State Representative Judy Nerat (D-Wallace) said. “The Fair attracts folks from all over who support our local hotels, restaurants, and businesses. This plan will help ensure that generations to come will be able to experience this tradition and our special way of life.”

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Sen. Prusi serves as the Senate Democratic Leader, and as the Democratic Vice-Chair of the Senate Government Operations and Reform, and Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation Committees. He represents the 38th Senate District, which includes all Upper Peninsula counties west of Luce County.