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Merchant Elected Member-at-Large of Michigan Townships Association Executive Committee

Delta Charter Township, Mich.—Arcada Township (Gratiot Co.) Supervisor Doug Merchant was elected as the member-at-large of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Board of Directors at the Association's 58th Annual Educational Conference, held Jan. 26-28, 2011, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

"I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and seeing what exciting things will be happening in our townships over the next year," said Merchant.

Merchant was elected supervisor of Arcada Township in 1987 and was elected to the MTA Board in 2006. Prior to his position as supervisor, Merchant served as trustee for two years. He has also served on numerous boards and committees, including the Gratiot County Farm Bureau, Ithaca High School's Future Farmers of America, and Gratiot County's Fair Committee and GIS Committee. Merchant is an active member of the Ithaca Lions Club.

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The Michigan Townships Association promotes the interests of Michigan townships by fostering strong, vibrant communities; advocating legislation to meet 21st century challenges; developing knowledgeable, township officials and enthusiastic supporters of township government; and encouraging ethical practices of elected officials who uphold the traditions and unique characteristics of township government and the values of the people of Michigan.