

## PREAMBLE

We the people of the City of Dexter, under the constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, in order to secure the benefits of local self-government and to provide for an honest and accountable government do hereby adopt this charter and confer upon the city the following powers, subject to the following restricts, and prescribed by the following procedures and governmental structure. By this action, we secure the benefits of home rule and affirm the values of representative democracy, professional management, effective political leadership, citizen participation, diversity and inclusiveness and regional cooperation.