READOUT OF CHIEF OF STAFF MICHAEL COSTIGAN’S APPEARANCE AT THE
MICHIGAN RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FORUM
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LANSING, MI – Office of Justice Programs Chief of Staff Michael Costigan joined
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Director Phil Keith today at a forum with rural
and tribal law enforcement leaders in Michigan to solicit their input on the challenges they face
and to discuss federal resources available to support their work. They were joined by U.S.
Attorneys Andrew Birge and Matthew Schneider from the Western and Eastern districts of
Michigan.

During his remarks, Chief of Staff Costigan highlighted more than $122 million recently
awarded by the Department of Justice to support public safety efforts throughout Michigan. The
awards—made by OJP, the COPS Office and the Office on Violence Against Women—cover a
range of activities, including law enforcement hiring, the provision of body-worn cameras,
support for child exploitation investigations, measures to prevent school violence and the use of
DNA technology to solve crimes. Funds also provide services for victims and at-risk youth, help
communities address domestic and sexual violence and support programs designed to combat
opioids and other drugs.

Chief of Staff Costigan underscored the commitment of the Attorney General and of
OJP’s Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Katharine T. Sullivan, to supporting law
enforcement agencies in rural and tribal jurisdictions. The forum was organized by the COPS
Office, OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance and the two U.S. Attorneys’ offices.

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