

# RESOLUTION

No. 2015-

Sponsored by Commissioner

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a set of twin, 62-year-old pipelines owned by Enbridge Inc. that carry light crude oil and natural gas under the Straits of Mackinac, which at peak volume carries a flow of water more than 10 times that of Niagara Falls and switches direction from east to west between Lakes Michigan and Huron every few days; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contains more than 20 percent of the world's fresh, available surface water and is a drinking water source for more than 35 million people; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five jobs in Michigan is linking to the Great Lakes' water quality, as tourism, agriculture, fisheries, shipping and industry are reliant on the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Line 6B, owned by Enbridge, on July 25, 2010, spilled roughly 843,000 gallons of crude tar sands oil into Talmadge Creek near Marshall, Michigan, which entered the Kalamazoo River and traveled for approximately 39 miles before it was contained; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge was in violation for its spacing requirements of its 1953 easement for Line 5 in 2014 and was responsible for a pinhole leak in a section of pipeline north of the Straits of Mackinac in December 2014; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. Coast Guard official testified before Congress in 2015 that the Coast Guard would be unable to effectively respond to an open-water oil spill in the heart of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 was built before the adoption of the Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act, which ensures that pipelines won't pose a threat to the waters; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has said about Line 5 that the "pipeline wouldn't be built today" and "the pipeline's days are numbered"; and

Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day in December 2015, that the Wayne County Commission fully supports closing Line 5 and calling upon Governor Rick Snyder; Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette; Wayne County's representatives in the Michigan Legislature and U.S. House of Representatives; and Michigan's representatives in the U.S. Senate to also support the closure of Line 5, which will protect the environmental integrity of the Great Lakes;

And, further, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Commission urges the Governor and Attorney General to exercise their authority to terminate the 1953 easement and shut down Enbridge Energy Line 5 under the Straits of Mackinac and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor Snyder and Attorney General Schuette .