



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE LINE 5 PIPELINES RUNNING UNDER THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, held on January 25, 2016, at Township Hall, 4550 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan. The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee L. Brown and supported by Trustee S. Kaplan:

WHEREAS, there are two (2) pipelines built in 1953 running under the Straits of Mackinac referred to as Line 5, which were built prior to adoption of the Great Lakes Submerged Lands Act, Part 325 of Public Act 451 of 1994, which protects the waters of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, these pipelines carry crude oil and natural gas liquids which, if released, would spew toxins into the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, pipelines are known to pose risks of releasing environmental contaminants and the aging condition of Line 5 amplifies the risk;

WHEREAS, the aging condition of Line 5 is evident from reports that there are structural defects and a pinhole leak in a section of the pipeline north of the Straits;

WHEREAS, due to the currents in the Straits of Mackinac which at peak volumetric transport can be more than ten times greater than the flow of Niagara Falls and which switch bi-directionally from east to west every few days, the Straits of Mackinac are the worst possible place for an oil spill in the Great Lakes according to a 2014 University of Michigan study;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contain twenty percent (20%) of the world's fresh, available surface water and are a drinking water source for over 35 million people;

WHEREAS, one (1) out of every five (5) jobs in Michigan is linked to the high quality and quantity of fresh water in the Great Lakes and must be protected;

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Michigan's largest income industries bringing in billions of dollars each year and industries such as agriculture, fisheries, shipping, manufacturing, and other commercial industries depend on the health of the Great Lakes and must be protected;

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Great Lakes were linked to over 1.5 million jobs, with Michigan accounting for 35 percent (35%) of those jobs;

WHEREAS, protection of Michigan's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments after the fact;

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility to be wise stewards of the waters of our State for generations to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of West Bloomfield supports the discontinuation of the transportation of oil and gas under the Great Lakes and supports the decommissioning of the two (2) pipelines built in 1953 running under the Straits of Mackinac known as Line 5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and State Legislature is encouraged to immediately adopt legislation to require the decommissioning of Line 5 as it runs under the Straits of Mackinac.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent directly to Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, Senator Kowall, Representative Kesto, and Representative McCready.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: None

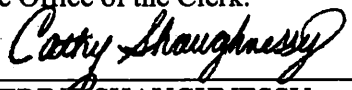
ABSENT: Cathy Shaughnessy, Michelle Economu Ureste

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Catherine Shaughnessy, the duly qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of West Bloomfield on the 25th day of January, 2016, the original copy is on file in the Office of the Clerk.



CATHERINE SHAUGHNESSY
TOWNSHIP CLERK