Bois Blanc Township

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Resolution No. 2016-

WHEREAS, Bois Blanc Island , located directly east of , and 6 miles from the Mackinac Bridge and pipeline #5, would be the first landfall impacted by an oil leak according to one realistic case scenario drafted by NOAA, devastating plant life, wildlife, beaches, as well as impacting homes, lifestyles, businesses and tourism, and

WHEREAS, Bois Blanc Island's environment is its biggest financial asset, and

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a pipeline owned by Enbridge that transports crude oil and natural gas liquids since 1953 from Superior, WI, eastward across Michigan's Upper Peninsula to where a dual pipeline crosses the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, just west of the Mackinac Bridge continuing South crossing under the Indian River, in Cheboygan County, on its route through the lower peninsula to its terminus point in Sarnia, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 was constructed prior to Public Act 247 of 1955 Great Lakes Submerged Land Act as amended which purpose is to protect the waters of the Great lakes and the Great lakes bottomlands by requiring a permit when constructing structures in the Great Lakes within Michigan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bois Blanc Township, Mackinac County request that Governor Snyder utilize the State's Authority by acting immediately to restrict Line 5 to its original design capacity and to limit its cargo to non-oil products (e.g., liquid Petroleum Gas and Propane) until the recommendations within the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force Report specifically; requiring an independent risk analysis and adequate financial assurance for the straits pipelines, an independent analysis of alternatives to the existing straits pipelines as well as obtaining any additional information requested from the report is completed and analyzed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bois Blanc Township will send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Attorney General, our State Representatives and State Senators,

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member _____

and supported by Board Member _____

Upon a roll call vote the following voted: Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0