

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
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#2016-07 LINE 5 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Pipeline 5, now owned by Enbridge, which began operation in 1953, has transported Alberta crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin through 18 Michigan Counties to a refinery in Sarnia, Ontario - a distance of 645 miles crossing numerous wetlands, 20 rivers, the Straits of Mackinac and the St. Clair River at Marysville, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan and Enbridge are parties to an Easement Agreement requiring Enbridge operate in a reasonable and prudent manner and guarantee payment of all damages and costs from its operation of said line; and

WHEREAS, the history of pipeline leaks shows that there is a significant risk of severe damage and economic loss to government entities, individuals, businesses, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Petroleum and Pipeline Task Force has recommended independent risk analysis, adequate financial assurances, independent analysis of alternatives to the existing Straits pipelines, together with disclosure of inspection data and other information; which recommendations have not yet been satisfied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 16th day of February, 2016, Alger County hereby requests that Governor Snyder utilize the State's authority by acting immediately to cause Line 5 to be restricted to not more than 300,000 barrels per day and its cargo be limited to non-oil products until the recommendations of the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force have been satisfied and an independent panel of pipeline experts has verified that Line 5 is safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, Michigan Pipeline Advisory Board and Pipeline Task Force, State Representative John Kivela, State Senator Tom Casperson, U.S. Representative Dan Benishek, and U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this 16th day of February, 2016.

Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners