March 16, 2016

At the March 10, 2016 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION #12-2016 By Laura Stanek, seconded by Bryan Smith

WHEREAS, Pipeline 5, which began operation in 1953 and now owned by Enbridge, has transported Alberta crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin through 18 Michigan Counties to refineries primarily 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 to operate the pipeline in a reasonable and prudent manner and to 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 Pipelines Task Force has recommended independent risk analysis, adequate financial assurances and 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, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby request that Governor Snyder utilize the State's authority by acting immediately to cause Line 5 to be restricted to not more than 300,000 bbl 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 have certified that Line 5 is safe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, the Pipeline Advisory Board and Task Force, Attorney General Bill Schuette, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, Senator Wayne Schmidt, and Representative Triston Cole.

Yes - Bob Wilson, Bryan Smith, Michael Crawford, Laura Stanek, Chuck Johnson;

No - David Heeres, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Christian Marcus;

Absent - None.

RESOLUTION #12-2016 DECLARED ADOPTED.