

Iosco County Board of Commissioners

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RESOLUTION

COURT HOUSE
Tawas City, Michigan 48763

DATE: APRIL 6, 2016

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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

WHEREAS, there is a potential risk that Line 5 could develop a leak which would cause environmental damage to the Great Lakes as well as economic loss; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has the legal authority to manage the bottomlands and waters of the Great Lakes within Michigan from the prevention of pollution and to protect the natural resources of the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iosco County Board of Commissioners 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 Iosco County will send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Attorney General, our State Representatives and State Senators.

Move: 

Support: 

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0