RESOLUTION NO. 2016-39

A motion was made by Council Member McLennan, seconded by Council Member Bielas, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a pipeline owned by Enbridge that has transported 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 Canada.

WHEREAS, Line 5 was constructed prior to Public Act 247 of 1955 Great Lakes Submerged Land Act as amended, the purpose of which 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 with damage to the harbors of Rogers City and Presque Isle; and

WHEREAS, damage to the Great Lakes could bring a halt to the shipping from our quarries; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Rogers City request that Governor Snyder utilize the State's Authority by acting immediately to restrict Line 5 to its original designed 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 are completed and analyzed, specifically; requiring an independent risk analysis and adequate financial assurance for the straits pipelines, an independent analysis of alternative to the existing straits pipeline, as well as obtaining any additional information requested from the report, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of Rogers City will send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, Attorney General, our State Representatives and State Senators.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - All, the motion carried.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Terri L. Koss, duly appointed and acting City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Rogers City, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Rogers City City Council at their regular meeting of April 5, 2016.

Dated: April 11, 2016

Terri L. Koss City Clerk/Treasurer

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