THE LINE 5 PIPELINE
Resolution # 16-10
"revised"

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 Pipeline 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 fully implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that Governor Snyder utilize the State’s authority by acting immediately to implement the Task Force Report recommendations to conduct independent risk and alternatives analyses for the Straits Pipelines.

Copies of this resolution will be provided to Governor Snyder, the Pipeline Advisory Board and Task Force, and all appropriate elected state and federal representatives.

Moved by Commissioner Lawson supported by Commissioner Nerkowski to approve the above resolution. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Kowalski, Adrian, Nerkowski, VanWormer, Hess, McDonald, Lawson and Habermehl. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Cameron Habermehl, Chairman of the Board

I, Bonnie Friedrichs, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Alpena, the same of Court of Record and having a seal do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the April 26, 2016 session and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 26th day of April 2016.

Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk