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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO STOP THE TRANSPORTATION OF OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS UNDER THE GREAT LAKES

Whereas the Great Lakes contain 20 percent of the world's fresh, available surface water; are a drinking water source for 40 million people; and sustain agriculture, fishing, shipping and industry within its bordering states. "There are 40 million people drinking water from the Great Lakes and they can't drink Canadian oil" asserts State Senator Rick Jones, Republican, Grand Ledge.

Whereas one of every five jobs in Michigan depends on the quality and quantity of the Lakes' fresh water. Billions of tourism dollars rest on the image of "Pure Michigan". According to a report by Conversations for Responsible Economic Development (CRED), both direct contamination and the anticipation of a rupture have clear and well documented impacts. In several cases, directly affected properties lost up to 40% of their value. A spill from Pipeline 5 would catastrophically impact property values, the economy, and quality of life of the residents in Leelanau County.

Whereas currents in the Straits of Mackinac can be 10 times stronger than the flow of Niagara Falls. The Straits would be the "worst possible place for an oil spill in the Great Lakes," according to David Schwab of the University of Michigan Water Center. Line 5, a set of twin, 63 year old pipelines owned by Enbridge, carry crude oil and other hazardous materials under the Straits of Mackinac. Enbridge has a poor track record that includes 1,244 spills: a rupture near Kalamazoo in 2010 allowed almost one million gallons of tar sands oil to leak from pipeline 6b for 17 hours before being shut down.

Whereas Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette stated that "pipeline 5 wouldn't be built today" and "the pipeline's days are numbered." The Coast Guard Commandant testified before Congress in 2015 that the Coast Guard would be unable to respond effectively to an open water oil spill in the Great Lakes. Furthermore, there is no plan for recovering oil if there is a leak during the winter months when the lakes may be covered with ice.

Whereas according to a recent University of Michigan study, operation of the Enbridge Line-5 pipeline is already violating 5 requirements of the original 1953 Easement Pact with the State of Michigan.

Whereas more than 35 local Michigan governmental communities have passed resolutions calling for the shutdown of Line 5, and all 35 federally-recognized tribes located in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa have called for the immediate closure of Enbridge Line 5; therefore be it

Resolved that on the 2nd day of June, 2016, Northport Village in Leelanau County supports stopping the transportation of oil and hazardous materials under the Great Lakes by specifically shutting down Line 5; and be it further

Resolved that the Northport Village of Leelanau County supports Senate Bill No. 880, introduced by State Senator Rick Jones, Republican, of Grand Ledge, calling on Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette to shut down Line 5; and be it further

Resolved that Northport Village of Leelanau County will forward this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, State Representative Ray Franz and State Senator Darwin Booher, calling on them to support S.B. 880 and other actions to swiftly shut down Line 5.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by

Village Council at its regular meeting of

June 2, 2016.

Jenni L. Scott, Clerk

Village Clerk

