

Muskegon County Board of Commissioners



Muskegon County Resolution to Urge the Adoption of Policies that will Lead to Energy Independence in the United States
Resolution #2022-265

WHEREAS, the United States has been dependent on foreign sources of energy for decades. While the United States has enjoyed a higher degree of energy independence in the last decade due to an increase in domestic oil production, we still import tens of millions of barrels of crude oil from overseas each month; and

WHEREAS, the energy independence of the United States is critical to national security. Reliance on foreign oil has impacted the United States' ability to intervene in conflicts around the world, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Reliance on foreign sources of energy creates a potential risk that those sources could be jeopardized by United States' actions abroad, which could limit our ability to project American values; and

WHEREAS, energy independence is important for a thriving economy. Ensuring that the United States' economy is able to support itself without relying on supply chains that span the globe and without risk of foreign political disruptions is critical to job growth and competition in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States must focus on policies that increase the production and use of our domestic energy resources, such as ensuring the continued safe operation of the Line 5 pipeline in Michigan, increasing domestic oil and gas drilling, increasing investments in renewable energy, and abandoning policies that limit domestic energy production and raise the capital costs associated with fossil fuel development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the adoption of policies that will lead to energy independence in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its August 16, 2022, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Cyr, support by Vice-Chair Hughes, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Rillastine Wilkins

Nayes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Charles Nash

Excused: Malinda Pego

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on August 16, 2022.

Nancy A. Waters
Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon

August 19, 2022
Date

