

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**RESOLUTION #2023-14**

**Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control  
Michigan House Bills 4526-4528**

WHEREAS, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

WHEREAS, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those

with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

WHEREAS, the Alger County Board of Commissioners believes that preempting local control amounts to government overreach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Edward McBroom (38<sup>th</sup> District), Representative Jenn Hill (109<sup>th</sup> District), Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joel VandeVelde, Alger County Clerk

Dated: June 20, 2023

