

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2023-12

OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

**Whereas** Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

**Whereas** industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

**Whereas** efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

**Whereas** the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

**Whereas** by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**Whereas** if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

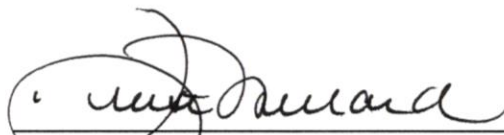
**Whereas** all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

**Whereas** this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

**Whereas** the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that MONTCALM COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

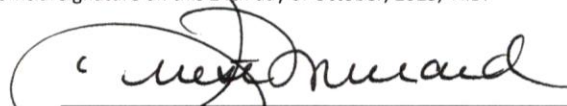
Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct, 2023

  
Kristen Millard, Montcalm County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN        }  
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COUNTY OF MONTCALM    }

I, the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Montcalm, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2023-12 adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on the 23rd day of October, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, A.D.

  
Kristen Millard, County Clerk  
County of Montcalm, State of Michigan