## OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL OF SITING DECISIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-36 ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2024

WHEREAS the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be allowed in their local communities was enshrined in the landmark *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Company* U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1926 that established the principle and practice of land use zones; and

WHEREAS on September 28, 2023, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 23-124 in opposition to state preemption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Legislature and Governor acted to usurp local control of land use decisions established in *Euclid* through enactment of Public Act 233 of 2023, which strips away local community control of the siting process for renewable energy and energy storage projects and instead assigns that function to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

WHEREAS the Board feels strongly that local governments in Michigan are best suited to assess the land use needs of their respective communities as established nearly 100 years ago in the landmark *Euclid* decision.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative organized by Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan, to repeal Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use decisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, state legislators who represent Ogemaw County, and other applicable state and local authorities.

Jenny David, Chairperson

Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners, that such resolutions were duly adopted at a regular meeting held on March 14, 2024, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

Ogemaw County Clerk