

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION # 2023-20**

**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 CHIPPEWA COUNTY** opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

**Moved: Commissioner Shackleton**

**Supported: Commissioner Savoie**

**Carried: Shackleton, Savoie, Martin, Lieurance and Traynor**

**Absent: None**

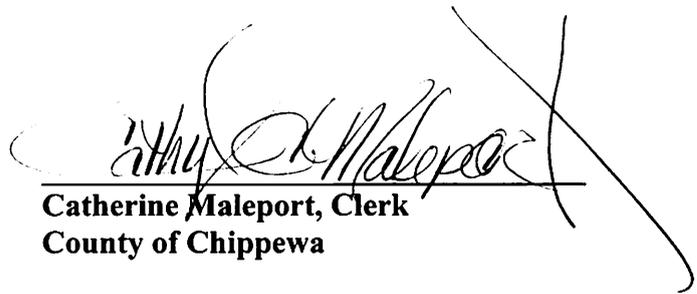
**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN    )**  
**COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA )**

**I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of CHIPPEWA, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2023, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 14th day of September, 2023.**

  
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**Catherine Maleport, Clerk**  
**County of Chippewa**