

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF DATA CENTERS/BATTERY STORAGE FACILITIES

RESOLUTION 01-2026

WHEREAS, data centers/battery storage facilities are large-scale industrial facilities that require substantial amounts of land, electricity, and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the growth of data center/battery storage facility development across the United States has placed increasing strain on local electrical grids, water supplies, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of data centers/battery storage facilities may negatively impact nearby residential communities through noise pollution, visual impacts, environmental degradation, and reduced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, data centers/battery storage facilities may conflict with the County's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances, and long-term land use priorities; and

WHEREAS, the siting of data centers/battery storage facilities may limit future economic development opportunities by consuming land and utility capacity that could otherwise support more diverse, employment-generating uses; and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Joseph County have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative impacts of data center/battery storage facility development on the environment, infrastructure, and community; and

WHEREAS, if local control is preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a data center/battery storage facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a data center/battery storage facility policy, practice, regulation, rule, or ordinance on record, it may 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the St. Joseph Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Michigan Legislators, in their respective Bodies, along with the Governor, expedite quickly action to repeal PA 233 and PA 235.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that if subsequent legislation is considered relative to data centers/battery storage facilities and futuristic "Green Energy" programs that proper inclusion of Michigan townships, cities, and villages be included in the planning and construction to ensure

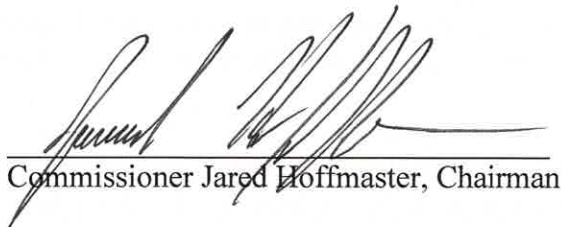
the safety of the Environment and appropriate measures be included to ensure proper restoration of the ecosystem.

AND FINALLY, that the appropriate Michigan Department be authorized to ensure restoration compliance upon the abandonment of the property.

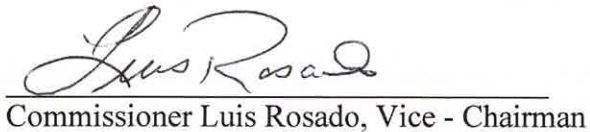
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners on this
20 th day of January 2026.



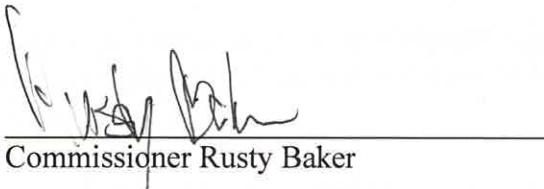
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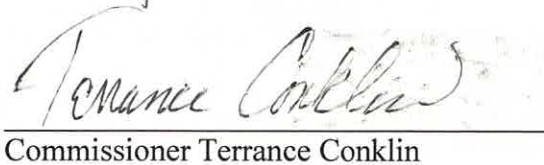
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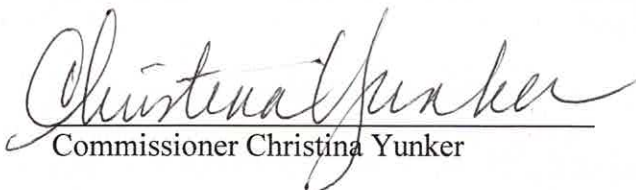
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