

Template for Resolution on Solar/Wind Siting

_____ COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # _____

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

Adopted this __ day of ____, 2023