

# Michigan Resource Stewards

Resource Professionals Continuing a Tradition of Service

Arminda Koch, President James Maturen, Vice President Gregory Eagle, Secretary Jim De Clerk, Treasurer

## RESOLUTION

### Enbridge Line 5 Pipeline

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the Michigan Resource Stewards is to ensure that Michigan's natural resources and environment are sustainably protected for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, any leak from Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac would create catastrophic harm to the sensitive environment of the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Line 5 is 66 years old and lies on the bottom of the Straits and

**WHEREAS**, there are concerns with the pipeline stability and pipeline wall integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of adequate monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has been in violation of the easement under the Submerged Lands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge was uncooperative and combative after spilling 21,000 barrels of crude oil into a tributary of the Kalamazoo River, one of the largest spills in US history; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge entered a consent Decree with the federal government to resolve claims related to the crude oil spill into the Kalamazoo River to pay \$110 million on spill prevention and operations in the Great Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS**, MCL Section 344.4502 states, in NREPA that the legislature determines preventing pollution of the water in the state will benefit the economy of the state as expressed in sections 51 and 52 of article IV of the state constitution (paraphrased); and

**WHEREAS**, MCL Section 324.32702 states in NREPA, that the legislature determines that the waters of the state are a valuable public resource for the use and enjoyment of present and future residents and for the protection of the environment, and the continued availability of water (paraphrased); and

**WHEREAS**, a 2016 University of Michigan study estimates an oil spill in the straits could cover 150 miles of shoreline and impact 17,000 square miles and there would be substantial repercussions and damages to public water supplies and Great Lakes commercial and recreational shipping and boating;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Michigan Resource Stewards request that the State of Michigan require Enbridge to design and construct Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac to meet best available technology standards with redundant spill prevention and detection systems, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State require Enbridge to provide the State with financial instruments (excluding self insurance) to guarantee that construction and operation protects the sensitive environment of the Great Lakes and indemnifies the state from future liability, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State require Enbridge to shut down Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac until Enbridge completes the design, provides appropriate financial assurances and commits to an expedited time line for construction that is agreed to by the State prior to obtaining approval from the State to resume operations of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac.

APPROVED, unanimously, by the membership on the 28th day of May, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory C. Eagle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a prominent flourish at the end.

Signed

Secretary, Board of Directors