

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

A RESOLUTION FROM GOURLEY TWP EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION ACT TO REPEAL PART 8 AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, the GOURLEY Township will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the Township board of GOURLEY Township feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the board of GOURLEY Township resolves the following:

Section 1. GOURLEY Township is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC.

Section 2. GOURLEY Township is opposed to corporation- prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community.

Section 3. GOURLEY Township supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Gourley Township Board adopts this resolution expressing support for the Citizens for Local Choice Ballot Initiative which seeks to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023, in an effort to restore local control for wind and solar operations.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Steve Wery

And supported by Board Member Dan Cordy

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Steve Wery	Yea
Stephanie Walechka	Yea
Ivy Netzel	Yea
Dan Cordy	Yea
Jesse Wery	Yea

The resolution Passed/Failed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



Clerk

CERTIFICATE

Ivy Netzel, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Gourley Township, hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of Gourley Township at the regular meeting of the Township Board held on February 12, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present, that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk