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## County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

### Resolution #2023-16

### OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **October 19, 2023**.

**PRESENT: Dell Bolser, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Mary Hardies and Lloyd Peltier**  
**ABSENT: None**

The following resolution was made by **Mary Hardies** and seconded by **Dell Bolser**, to-wit:

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

**YES: Dell Bolser, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Mary Hardies and Lloyd Peltier**


**NO: None**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

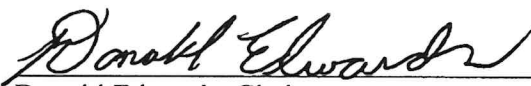
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Montmorency at a regular meeting held on **October 19, 2023**, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the open meetings act.

Dated: **October 19, 2023**

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk  
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: **October 19, 2023**

  
Donald Edwards, Chairperson  
County of Montmorency, Michigan