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**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENBRIDGE LINE 5**

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Michigan for more than 65 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the products delivered to regional refineries provides jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has proposed to invest \$500 million to make a safe pipeline safer by placing a tunnel with one-foot-thick concrete walls 100 feet underground and make the chances of a leak into the Straits virtually zero; and

**WHEREAS**, consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the U.P. and the state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all rely on; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners extends support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project, provided Enbridge posts a performance bond for the clean-up expenses in the event of a failure prior to the tunnel being completed in the amount of 2 billion dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible.

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Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman