WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP
MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. #2026-012

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-14

WHEREAS, the company ITC Michigan has proposed to build many miles of high-power transmission (345V) lines across private land in Mecosta County as part of the Copperton-Ludington line, which impact hundreds of Wheatland Township and Mecosta County landowners, most of which are on residential or agricultural properties; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Wheatland Township is composed of rural agricultural, residential land, and recreational properties and are assets that support quality of life and tourism. Many of the Township's land ownership consists of multi generational family farms and hunting properties, along with Amish residents. Residents of these properties rely on the land to heat homes, feed their families and contribute to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, many residents and landowners have expressed serious concerns regarding the potential health, environment and noise impacts of the proposed project on private property, including loss of old-growth forests, wildlife habitat, farmland, and various other land uses, along with physical problems associated with these lines;

WHEREAS, the destruction of the countryside's rural character and charm; concerns related to electromagnetic frequencies. One example of the destruction of property and character, Wheatland Music Organization, which has brought cultural enhancement from across the nation to Wheatland Township for over 50 years property will be significantly impacted by the proposed lines, this will affect Wheatland Music Organization and Wheatland Township culturally and economically;

WHEREAS, converting the local agricultural and forested land into permanent utility corridors may interfere with agricultural operations, timber production, drainage and irrigation systems, land management practices, future development, cultural experiences, and other established uses of private property; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Wheatland Township Board hereby strongly opposes ITC Michigan's proposed Copperton-Ludington transmission line in its current size and scale, and urges that routes outside of Wheatland Township be evaluated and considered, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wheatland Township Board encourages residents, landowners and other interested parties to participate in public engagement opportunities and applicable regulatory proceedings concerning the proposed project. The Wheatland Township Board further urges the Michigan Legislature and regulatory agencies have a meaningful transparent communication with local stakeholders and governments to develop grid-upgrade strategies that align with the needs and values of local communities.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Township Board Member: Lee Carte
and supported by Township Board Member: Ethan McNeal
AYES: Lee Carte, Ethan McNeal, Julie Sellers, Kim Thiel
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: N/A
ABSENT: Mike Storey
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: November 16, 2026

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Wheatland Township Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Wheatland Township, Mecosta County, Michigan, at a regular or special meeting held on November 16, 2026, and that public notice of that meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, amended.

Dated: November 16, 2026

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Wheatland Township Clerk