

**ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2023-_____**
ADOPTED MAY 17, 2023

- **RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILLS 4526-4528 AND OTHER POSSIBLE LEGISLATION RESTRICTING LOCAL CONTROL OVER SAND AND GRAVEL MINING**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature is considering legislation, including House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528, that will eliminate zoning and oversight authority of local governments over sand and gravel mining operations, and place such authority under the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township recognizes its residents elect their local leaders to act on their behalf for the best interests of the community and the people they serve, understanding the importance of building a strong community and improving the quality of life by protecting the health, safety, well-being and property interests of its residents, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township recognizes House Bills 4526-4528 eliminate the ability for its elected officials to advocate for and safeguard the community by removing the ability to approve, deny, modify or enforce changes to an application for special use permit authorizing sand and gravel mining, regardless of zoned location, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township Recognizes that House Bills 4526-4528 severely limit local government and resident input only through public comment periods, remove the right of referendum by impacted residents, and silence the community from issues that impact their daily lives, health, safety, and livelihood, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township Recognizes that House Bills 4526-4528 limit the financial obligations of miners for amounts essential for reclamation and restoration, codify operational activities, and compromise or eliminate important cultural and historical community concerns, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township Recognizes that House Bills 4526-4528 eliminate local control over health considerations for toxic silica dust, toxic residues on legacy agricultural lands and preventing damage to roads and infra structure, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township Recognizes that House Bills 4526-4528 set a dangerous precedent by preempting local control of sand and gravel mining by the will of residents through their elected representatives, compromising an important fundamental right of Township residents, and,

WHEREAS, Arlington Township Recognizes that House Bills 4526-4528 are opposed by the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Municipal League, and

Michigan Association of Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Trustees of Arlington Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, that Arlington Township opposes House Bills 4526-4528 and any other proposed legislation that restricts local control over sand and gravel mining in the State of Michigan.

Motion made by _____ De Leo _____ and seconded by _____ Sanborn _____
to approve the resolution.

Ayes: _____ 5 _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Georgette Peterson, Clerk

Date: May 17, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Georgette Peterson, the duly appointed Clerk for Arlington Township, Van Buren County, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township at its regular meeting of May 17, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Georgette Peterson, Clerk

Motion passed 5 to 0