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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HCR 31

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a 371-page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of “navigable waters” in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses, take control of land used for sustainable food production out of our local providers’ hands, and negatively impact county-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and county drains; and

WHEREAS, the cost to our farms, municipalities, and taxpayers will be enormous; and

WHEREAS, HCR 31 calls for the EPA and Corps to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board concurs with HCR 31;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners wholly supports HCR 31 calling for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers to withdraw their proposed rule expanding the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall deliver copies of this Resolution to the Governor, our State Legislators, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held August 26, 2014 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk