

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2014-17

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, House Concurrent Resolution 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, this Board concurs with HCR 31; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger 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 copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative John Kivela, Senator Tom Casperson, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties, Congressman Dan Benishek, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, and the National Association of Counties.

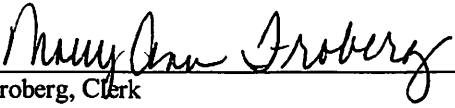
Adopted this 21st day of July, 2014.


Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on July 21, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this July 29, 2014 at Munising, Michigan.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk