

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #2018-14
THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL LOCK

WHEREAS, the Soo Locks are a vital economic contributor, not just for Michigan, but for the entire U.S. Economy as well. Currently, there are only two locks that are currently being utilized for shipping which are the Poe and MacArthur. The 49-year-ols Poe Lock is in need of repair and the MacArthur Lock's size is not suitable for modern freighters to pass through, and;

WHEREAS, closing the Poe Lock would cause a negative economic impact of \$160 million within a 30-day span, and;

WHEREAS, a shutdown of the Locks would result in the halt of the North American automotive production with a matter of weeks, and;

WHEREAS, the Soo locks (out of 196 locks) is ranked number one in its significance to the economy and saves approximately \$3.5 billion in costs for transportation each year, and;

WHEREAS, having the Locks closed for even six months would result in 11 million jobs being lost, and;

WHEREAS, the locks are a critical pathway to ship national resources such as iron ore and agricultural products critical to the economic vitality of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that are exported nationally and internationally, so;

THEREFORE, building a new lock, in addition to the Poe Lock, would allow for more efficient and redundant transportation opportunities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alger County Board of Commissioners supports the development and the funding of the twinning of the Poe Lock as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: September 17, 2018