

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY THROUGH THE  
PROPOSED HOUSING READINESS PACKAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sault Ste. Marie is granted zoning and land use authority pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, land use and zoning regulations are matters of local concern best addressed by local officials who understand their community and ensure public participation and consistency; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed "Housing Readiness" legislative package preempts and limits local zoning authority and diminishes ability of local governments to respond to specific needs and development decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, preemption of local zoning authority circumvents the role of local officials and reduces the ability of local control to balance growth, infrastructure capacity, public safety services, environmental protections, fiscal responsibility; and long-term planning goals of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of local planning and zoning authority is essential and many municipalities are actively addressing housing supply and affordability through master planning, zoning updates, and other efforts which require local discretion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Commissioners for Sault Ste. Marie formally opposes House Bills 5529 through 5532, as well as House Bills 5581 through 5585, and along with related proposed legislation, that preempts or limits local zoning and land use authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Commissioners for Sault Ste. Marie urges the Michigan Legislature to vote in opposition, to instead support local control and work collaboratively with municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, the City's State Senator and State Representative, the Michigan Municipal League, and appropriate legislative committees considering this legislation.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Yeas: Mayor Gerrie, Commissioners Bauer, Bosbous-Rath, Habusta, Marble, Rubinstein, and Talentino

Nays: None

Absent: None

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 6, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by the Act.

  
**ROBIN R. TROYER MMC, CITY CLERK**