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BY COUNCILMAN BROWN WILHELM

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN,
IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 5529-5532 AND 5581-5585 AS WRITTEN**

WHEREAS, the City of Midland is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan and is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Midland supports local decision-making that strengthens accountability, empowers residents, and enables policies that align with and reflect the specific needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, local governance provides a transparent and participatory process where citizens and elected leaders can engage in discussion on matters that impact their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5529 through 5532, and 5581 through 5585 have been introduced in the Michigan House Regulatory Reform Committee and are currently before the Government Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, this legislation introduces language that is unclear and subject to varying interpretation; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, this legislation would override and significantly undermine local zoning authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that state policies should not preempt local control, but instead reflect community priorities and allow zoning decisions aligned with long-range planning, local infrastructure, public safety, and economic growth; now, therefore

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Midland stands united in opposition to House Bills 5529 through 5532 and 5581 through 5585 as written; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Council strongly urges our state legislative delegation and the members of the House Government Operations Committee to oppose this zoning preemption legislation as written; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City of Midland urges members of the Michigan Legislature to engage collaboratively with local governments and the Michigan Municipal League to develop housing policies that promote the provision of needed housing options while preserving local planning authority and protecting public infrastructure systems.