

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0319^B

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER FROM WABASH RIVER AQUIFER TO LEAP INNOVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) planned the LEAP (Limitless Exploration/Advanced Pace) Innovation District in Boone County, Indiana without ensuring that there were sufficient water resources for the industries that they wished to recruit there; and

WHEREAS, the IEDC began activities, with a lack of transparency, directed towards constructing a pipeline to transfer tens of millions of gallons a day from a Wabash River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District; and

WHEREAS, the Wabash River has been historically, ecologically and economically tied to Warren County's growth and development;

WHEREAS, there are both negative ecological and economic-development consequences for Warren County because of the proposed diversion of large amounts of water through the pipeline;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code Chapter 36-1-3 provides for Home Rule and states "the policy of the state is to grant units all the powers they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs."

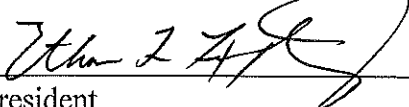
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Council of Warren County, Indiana that the County Council expresses its firm opposition to the construction of the pipeline and the diversion of water from the Wabash River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County, Indiana.

FURTHER, the County Council of Warren County expresses its firm opposition to the Indiana General Assembly's preemption of local government function and encourages those members of the Indiana General Assembly to vote against legislation that results in the preemption of local government functions

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

So resolved this 19th day of March, 2024.

WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL



President



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ATTEST:
Robert Weston Hulme

Warren County Auditor