

HEATH TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
TO OPPOSE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Resolution No. 74

WHEREAS, the horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for natural gas involves the use of chemicals and hazardous materials during construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing, gas production and delivery, well maintenance and workover operations; and

WHEREAS, horizontal hydraulic fracturing of underground geologic formations is often accomplished by injecting a complex mix of fluids and chemicals, including large volumes of water (millions of gallons per well), under very high pressure to create fractures in gas bearing geologic formations; and

WHEREAS, “Fracking” is being utilized to commercially extract natural gas in Michigan and is being contemplated in or around Allegan County; and

WHEREAS, there have been documented cases of water contamination near fracking sites; and

WHEREAS, the fracturing responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act (“FRAC Act”), which is currently pending in Congress, would repeal the fracking exemption to the Safe Drinking Water Act and require disclosure of chemicals used in fracking; and

WHEREAS, the Bringing Reductions to Energy’s Airborne Toxic Health Effects Act “Breathe Act”), which is currently pending in Congress would repeal the exception to the Clean Air Act for aggregation of emissions from oil and gas development sources; and

WHEREAS, 46.06% of Heath Township is made up of lakes, streams, ponds and state land; and

WHEREAS, the commercial, cultural and residential uses are primarily recreational oriented and thus activities such as fracking would have a direct and identifiable impact on every resident of Heath Township; and

WHEREAS, the wise stewardship of our natural resources involves protection of water supplies and water resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the protection of water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention now than by future attempts to cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, HEATH TOWNSHIP HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:

Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan hereby goes on record to strongly urge the Allegan County Commissioners, Michigan Legislature and Governor to place a ban on the future horizontal hydraulic fracturing for the commercial extraction of natural gas until the safety of the processes and its related chemicals have been fully investigated and vetted through the Michigan and U. S. Environmental Protection agencies.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Heath supports the FRAC Act and BREATHE Act, and the Clerk is to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the Allegan County Commissioners, Governor's office, and the Leadership of the Michigan House and Senate.

The foregoing resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted YES:

Upon a roll call vote the following voted NO:

The Supervisor declared this resolution adopted at the meeting of the Township Board held on October 8, 2012.

CERTIFICATE

I, Sheila Meiste, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Heath Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 8th day of October, 2012, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

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