Pulaski County Resolution No. 2021-

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THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LOCAL CONTROL OF LAND-USE DECISIONS

WHEREAS Indiana comprises diverse communities, each with its own needs and opportunities;

WHEREAS, across Indiana, Counties have created and implemented plans for development that provide the type of new investment and additional employment that is desired by the citizens of the County, and in many instances the desired development has included wind or solar projects;

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County, Indiana ('Board'), supports efforts to expand alternative-energy sources, as called for by the County's comprehensive and economic-development–strategic plans;

WHEREAS Indiana House Bill 1381 of 2021, currently pending in the Indiana General Assembly, would, if enacted, disenfranchise citizens of the ability to determine the conditions under which renewable-energy projects would be allowed in their counties, and communities would be compelled to allow wind and solar projects under conditions dictated by others living outside the community;

WHEREAS the Board believes that decisions regarding wind and solar development are best made by the residents living in the community, rather than by energy-industry representatives, State officials, or others who live outside of the community; and

WHEREAS the Board supports the right of communities to direct their own future through land-use decisions made by duly appointed and elected officials representing their constituents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD THAT

- 1. the Board formally opposes Indiana House Bill 1381 of 2021 and its intention to deprive communities and their responsive, elected and appointed government officials of the rightful authority to establish land-use policies, especially regarding the development of renewable-energy projects; and
- 2. the Board encourages the members of the Indiana Senate to reject House Bill 1381 as an attack on the local control at the heart of American democracy and on the residents of Indiana who wish to retain responsible control of their communities' futures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2021.

Laura Wheeler, Auditor of Pulaski County

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