

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: *Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Hutz*

Commissioners Absent: *Matt Koch*

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner *Hutz*,  
seconded by Commissioner *Young*,

## Resolution 2023-19 State of Michigan Sanitary Code Resolution

**Whereas**, there are currently pending in the Michigan Legislature certain bills, SB299, SB300, HB4479 and HB4480, which would impose statewide regulations for the implementation of and maintenance of septic systems; and

**Whereas**, these bills as presently drafted, would require inspection of all systems every five years and would impose much greater expenses and work hours on local public health departments; and

**Whereas**, the bills would dramatically increase the requirements for septic inspectors and make it much more difficult to find, hire and retain qualified personnel; and

**Whereas**, the current legislation does not provide a permanent, secure funding mechanism to cover these increased costs, which will invariably be shifted to our local health departments; and

**Whereas**, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of protecting Michigan's water resources, including groundwater, lakes and streams, and other surface waters, but concludes that the bills do not provide a sustainable or financially feasible solution in areas that do not have the benefit of municipal sanitary systems; and

**Whereas**, soil types vary considerably throughout Michigan making it difficult to establish generalized "one size fits all" rules for septic systems.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners opposes SB299, SB300, HB4479 and HB4480 as introduced and urges the Michigan Legislature to consider the costs to local health departments before adopting changes to the septic provisions of the Michigan Public Health Code.

**Therefore, Be It Further Resolved,** that this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Michigan Association of Counties, members of the Michigan Legislature and to other stakeholders.


ADOPTED: Yeas: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Luby

Nays: None

Absent: Koch

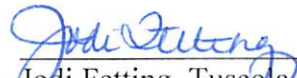
Resolution 2023-19 declared adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

Date 8.31.2023

  
Kim Vaughan, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on August 31, 2023.

Date August 31, 2023

  
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk