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**CITY OF MARQUETTE RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO THE MIWATER BALLOT INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, a group know as Michigan Save Our Waters Committee, under the guise of protecting water, has proposed a ballot initiative which, if approved, would restrict the mining industry in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the measure is particularly ill-conceived at a time when people in the Upper Peninsula are struggling to obtain work in a state that has the highest unemployment in the nation, and the country is recovering from the most serious world-wide recession since the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, the United States is committed to ending the country's dependence on foreign oil and other raw materials by investing in the discovery and production of its own natural resources; and

WHEREAS, mining and natural resource based industries in the Upper Peninsula are essential to achieving this goal and moreover are the backbone of the region's economy, providing thousands of good paying jobs; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Commission that the proposal would do great harm to the economy of the Upper Peninsula in general, and the City and County in particular; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the proposal would add little to the extensive environmental protections already in place with mining operations in Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette City Commission recognizes the serious threat posed by the MiWater Ballot Initiative to the economy of Michigan and strongly opposes the approval of this initiative.

Commissioner _____ moved that the above Resolution be adopted.

Supported by Commissioner _____

Yeas _____ Nays _____

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Marquette City Commission of the City Marquette at a regular meeting held on the 14th of December, 2009.

John P. Kivela
Mayor

David J. Bleau
City Clerk