

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—SUPPORT THE REPOWERING OF PALISADES BY  
PLANT OWNER HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Palisades Nuclear Plant provided more than 800 megawatts of safe, reliable, and carbon-free generation to the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades recently completed consecutive record-breaking generation runs and boasted an online reliability factor greater than 95 percent, a testament to the workforce and continuous investment in safety and equipment reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades provided 600 full-time, highly skilled, and good-paying jobs in Southwest Michigan, which were supplemented by the influx of an additional 1,000 specialty workers into the community to support scheduled refueling and maintenance outages; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades was one of the largest taxpayers in the region, directly supporting local public school districts, Lake Michigan College, public libraries, and vital municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, a study by the Economic Growth Institute at the University of Michigan found that the shutdown of Palisades resulted in the annual loss of \$259 million in labor income and value-added for the tri-county region; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades and its employees have long been actively involved and invested in community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades has maintained strong community outreach and engagement with its stakeholders, including but not limited to state and local units of government, economic development organizations, non-profit organizations, labor, federally recognized Tribes, the public, and disadvantaged communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades provided a bridge of clean, reliable generation for the State of Michigan as it transitioned from fossil-fuel generation to renewable and advanced technologies, including the potential deployment of small modular reactors; and

**WHEREAS**, the operation of Palisades supported the State of Michigan's goals to cut carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions by millions of tons per year, thereby reducing the direct environmental and human health costs to disadvantaged communities and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades ranks in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's highest safety category and has been recognized by

the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations as a top-performing plant in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Palisades operated in strict adherence to all federal and state regulations under the independent oversight of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain the health and safety of our community, its workforce, and our environment.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Allegan County Board of Commissioners that it supports the repowering of Palisades by plant owner Holtec International in its application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Civil Nuclear Credit Program; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, Governor Whitmer, State Senators Aric Nesbit, Roger Victory, and Thomas Albert, and State Representatives Joey Andrews, Matt Hall, Rachelle Smit, Nancy DeBoer, Pauline Wendzel, and Angela Rigas.