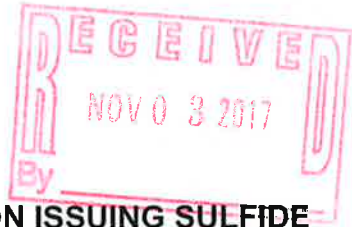


RESOLUTION No. 479 - 17



OPPOSING THE REPEAL OF THE EXISTING PROHIBITION ON ISSUING SULFIDE ORE MINING PERMITS (SENATE BILL 395)

WHEREAS, current law prohibits the Wisconsin DNR from issuing any permits for the purpose of mining a sulfide ore body until the DNR determines that there is a mining operation in a potentially acid-generating sulfide ore body in the United States or Canada in operation for at least ten years without resulting in groundwater or surface water pollution from acid drainage or from heavy metals release; and there is a mining operation that operated in a potentially acid-generating sulfide ore body in the United States or Canada closed for at least ten years without resulting in the pollution of groundwater or surface water from acid drainage or from the release of heavy metals; and

WHEREAS, the mining industry still has not recorded one mine that has operated and closed without polluting surface and/or groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Marinette County's lakes, streams and groundwater are essential to our health, economy and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 395 repeals the existing prohibition on issuing sulfide ore mining permits.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marinette County Board of Supervisors opposes passage of Senate Bill 395.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Marinette County Board of Supervisors urges Wisconsin state legislators to allow Wisconsin county, municipal and town governments to have input on the regulation, permitting, operation and reclamation of sulfide mining operations in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Scott Walker, legislators representing Marinette County, Department of Natural Resources Secretary Dan Meyer and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Approved this 31st day of October 2017 by a majority vote of a quorum of the Marinette County Board of Supervisors.


Mark Anderson, Chair


Kathy Brandt, County Clerk