

**MENOMINEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 03**



**OPPOSITION TO THE BACK FORTY MINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Menominee County Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Menominee County, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Aquila Resources, Inc. is seeking approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to mine gold, zinc, copper, silver, and other minerals upstream from the mouth of the Menominee River on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which is a project known as the "Back Forty Project"; and

**WHEREAS**, the location on the Menominee River is historically and culturally significant to the Menominee Tribe due to its close proximity to Menominee cultural properties, to include agricultural fields, funerary objects, multiple mounds, burial sites, and villages, and is the place of origin for the Menominee people; and

**WHEREAS**, Aquila Resources, Inc., will utilize open-pit mining for extraction and removal processes, which are processes that historically have caused detrimental impacts to water, environment, wildlife, aquatic habitat, and cultural properties as demonstrated with other mines of similar nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Menominee Tribe has demonstrated its stewardship to protect Tribal cultural resources, neighboring Tribal Nations, water, environment, and wildlife that occupies lands within its historical range; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and the Tribe are united by history, geography, friendship, and many shared goals, to include support for one another and the protection of the environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Menominee County Board of Supervisors, in regular session assembled, hereby (1) opposes the Back Forty Mine Project; (2) seeks the support of other Wisconsin counties and municipalities in their opposition of the Back Forty Mine; and (3) supports the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin in all its efforts to oppose the Back Forty Mine.

Menominee Town/County Board of Supervisors				
Resolution No.: 2017- 03		Adopted: June 22, 2017		
Motion by Supervisor: <i>John H. ...</i>		Tabled:		
Second by Supervisor: <i>Misty Wayka</i>				
Roll Call:	Aye	Nay	Present	Absent
Laure Pecore	✓			
Elizabeth Moses	✓			
Elizabeth Arnold	✓			
William Waubanscum, Sr.	✓			
Anthony Waupochick, Sr.	✓			
Misty Wayka	✓			
James Lowey	✓			

I, Sarah Lyons, Clerk of the Town/County of Menominee, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of said Resolution as passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017, by the County of Menominee Board of Supervisors.

*Sarah Lyons*  
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Sarah Lyons, Clerk  
County/Town of Menominee