RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43

RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO DIVERT WATER FROM WABASH RIVER AQUIFER TO LEAP INNOVATION DISTICT

WHEREAS, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) planned the LEAP (Limitless Exploration/Advanced Pace) Innovation District in Boone County without ensuring that there were sufficient water resources for the industries that they wished to recruit there; and,

WHEREAS, the IEDC began activities directed towards constructing a pipeline to transfer millions of gallons a day from the Wabash River aquifer and the Teays River aquifer in Tippecanoe County to the LEAP Innovation District; and,

WHEREAS, this pipeline and the transfer of substantial amounts of water could have negative economic and ecological consequences for Covington and the Wabash River through the proposed diversion of large amounts of water through this pipeline; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Commissioners of the Fountain County that we express our firm opposition to the construction of the pipeline and the diversion of water from the Wabash River aquifer and the Teays River aquifer in Tippecanoe County, and any other county bordering the Wabash River, to the LEAP Innovation District in Boone County.

This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

Passed this 20th day of November, 2023.

Fountain County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Course Chambers

Auditor