Resolution No. 21-

RESOLUTION of the COUNTY BOARD of MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL of ZONING AND LAND USE AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the state of Illinois is made up of very different communities and unique areas with specific sensitivities and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-14001, Marshall County has developed a plan for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of Marshall County region in accordance with the present and future needs of the region and of the State, to best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, property, efficiency and economy in the process of development and the general welfare of said region; and

WHEREAS, Marshall County, like many Counties throughout the State of Illinois, has developed and refined ordinances and requirements to enhance investments and opportunities for employment with unique zoning criteria specific to each area, including clean energy projects such as nuclear, wind and solar; and

WHEREAS, the County is the best entity to support the needs, interests, and safety of its residents due to direct feedback and understanding of the County's needs, while State officials of industry leaders who do not reside in these counties may not be aware of the most relevant and current information; and

WHEREAS, SB1602, pending approval, would marginalize or disenfranchise citizens' right to develop or refine ordinances specific to wind and solar projects that may be constructed in that county; and

WHEREAS, SB1602, would relinquish local authority, and the determination of needs specific to an area, to others who do not reside in the community; and

NOW IT BE DECLARED, that the County Board of Marshall County is opposed to Senate Bill 1602, any trailer bill or any bill similar thereto and stands with our residents' right to make decisions in land-use planning for the legacy of their communities, areas and future generations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 th of May, 2021
Ayes:
Nays: O
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Abstain:
Absent:

Gary Kroeschen, Chairman County Board of Marshall County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Jil M. Kenyon,

Marshall County Clerk and Recorder