



RESOLUTION ON PROTECTING PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LOCAL CONTROL

Clare County Republican Executive Committee

The Clare County Republican Executive Committee stands for limited government, individual liberty, and the protection of private property rights. These rights come from our natural rights as free people and are essential to a free society, as protected by the United States and Michigan Constitutions.

John Adams wisely said: “Property must be secured, or liberty cannot exist.”

Secure property rights ensure that average citizens stand on equal footing with state officials and special interests. Without strong protections for private land ownership, government overreach can favor state officials and special interests, erode freedoms, and force unwanted changes on communities.

WHEREAS, recent state bills (such as House Bills 5529–5532 and related proposals) would impose massive density requirements...

WHEREAS, these changes threaten to force high-density development...

WHEREAS, rural townships spend significant taxpayer money...

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution (Article X, Section 2)...

WHEREAS, protecting private property rights promotes fairness...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clare County Republican Executive Committee:

1. Strongly opposes any state laws that take away local control over zoning, lot sizes, housing types, or land use decisions, including forced high-density mandates that ignore community needs and preferences.
2. Affirms that private property rights are fundamental to liberty and must be protected from unnecessary government interference—ensuring everyday citizens remain equal to state officials and special interests.
3. Urges townships and counties to carefully weigh costs and benefits before adopting or updating zoning or master plans, and to prioritize fiscal responsibility and public support.
4. Calls for transparent, fair, and consistent treatment of property owners in any local rules, with compassion for those facing hardship.
5. Encourages neighbor cooperation, mediation, and community solutions to resolve issues, rather than heavy-handed regulations.
6. Reminds all officials that government exists to protect life, liberty, and property—not to infringe on the rights of landowners.
7. Urges residents to stay informed, attend meetings, and hold officials accountable.
8. Formally commits to coordinating with every other rural Michigan county Republican Executive Committee that adopts this identical resolution, creating a unified statewide front to defend local control, private property rights, and rural lifestyles against forced density and state overreach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted immediately to:

- All 110 members of the Michigan House of Representatives and all members of the Michigan Senate, with the urgent request that they vote against House Bills 5529–5532 and any similar legislation that removes local zoning authority;
- The Governor of the State of Michigan;
- The Clare County Board of Commissioners, every township board, and every county office within Clare County

Adopted by the Clare County Republican Executive Committee

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Certified copy – by Chair Kelly Harrison July 6, 2026