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By - Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council

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A resolution to support LEEDCo's effort to build an offshore wind power industry in Ohio.

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to develop more domestic clean energy to protect our environment and create new industries, and;

WHEREAS, offshore wind power is a clean energy alternative that has the potential to achieve significant scale and be developed in a responsible and economical way, and;

WHEREAS, offshore wind power also has the potential to become an important clean supplement that helps the Great Lakes region diversify its energy portfolio, and;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Region holds over 700GW of offshore wind generating potential, and;

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is positioned to fully realize the economic and environmental benefits of the emerging U.S. offshore wind power industry, and;

WHEREAS, Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. (LEEDCo) is a regional non-profit and economic development organization building an offshore wind power industry in Ohio to create jobs and heal the environment, and;

WHEREAS, LEEDCo is currently developing a demonstration project called "Icebreaker," scheduled for completion in October 2017, that will consist of six wind turbines seven miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland, Ohio, and;

WHEREAS, LEEDCo has already secured a \$4 million investment from the U.S. Department of Energy and is competing with six other offshore wind projects for an additional \$46.7 million federal investment, and;

WHEREAS, "Icebreaker" will create over 500 jobs and lead to an industry that employs 8,000 by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City of Euclid, the Euclid Public Library and area industries, including Lincoln Electric and William Sopko and Sons, have demonstrated support for renewable energy initiatives through the installation of significant solar and wind projects on their properties; and

WHEREAS, these local projects are reflective of the City's "Going Green" initiatives and its goals to attract renewable energy manufacturers and related jobs to our community; and

WHEREAS, if selected for the additional \$46.7 million in federal funding, "Icebreaker" as a demonstration pilot project has the potential for success which could help further the City's goals and initiatives to spur growth of the local renewable energy industry, including Euclid-based businesses that are part of the supply chain for wind turbines; and

WHEREAS, as a successful demonstration project "Icebreaker" would become a model for responsible offshore wind development and unlock the offshore wind potential of the entire Great Lakes region, and;

WHEREAS, LEEDCo's POWER Pledge campaign has demonstrated overwhelming public support;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio:

Section No. 1: That the Council of Euclid does hereby support both Project "Icebreaker" and LEEDCo's mission to build an offshore wind power industry in Northeast Ohio.

Section No. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Section No: 3: That this resolution shall take immediate effect.

Attest:

128-2013
Regina Cahill
Clerk of Council

Kurt Horzner
President of Council

Passed: December 2, 2013

Approved:

Barbara Allen
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Allen, duly elected, qualified Clerk of Council of the City of Euclid, Ohio do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of the Resolution No. 128-2013 from the Euclid City Council meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2013.

Barbara S. Allen
Clerk of Council