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RESOLUTION NO.

RECOGNIZING the need for the State of Ohio to strengthen requirements for siting natural gas pipelines to include public safety criteria as well as setbacks and zoning requirements; and ENCOURAGING the Ohio General Assembly to enact legislation implementing such changes.

WHEREAS, Ohio has a growing economic interest in the natural gas business, and high pressure natural gas pipelines are being installed around Ohio and the region to transmit this gas; and

WHEREAS, high pressure natural gas pipelines, if ruptured or damaged, may pose significant risk to public safety and the environment due to the high operating pressure and the highly flammable, explosive and toxic properties of the products transported; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has recognized that third-party damage and pipeline right-of-way encroachment are the biggest threats to pipeline safety; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading is on record with its opposition the construction of the high pressure Duke Bnergy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension project, a high-pressure natural gas pipeline in the Cincinnati area, due to its close proximity to homes, recreational facilities, schools and daycares, nutsing homes, hospitals, churches and other such high-density development; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading desires to advocate for policies and regulations intended to reduce the likelihood of accidental damage to pipelines and to help reduce adverse impacts in the event of pipeline failure; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Reading believes that the regulation of the proximity of high pressure pipelines carrying potentially flammable liquids is desirable to preserve public safety and the environment and wishes to specifically advocate for minimum lot line distance requirements and other reasonable distance requirements based on zoning and building uses; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing applications for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to allow for siting of a new gas pipeline, the Ohio Power Siting Board relies on State law that utilizes several criteria, none of which is public safety; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Reading, State of Ohio:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Reading recommends to the State of Ohio that legislation be passed consistent with laws in other states and local jurisdictions in states without home-rule limitations to require setbacks and other zoning and siting requirements as well as to pass legislation that adds public safety to the siting criteria for the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

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I, Carla Kackel, Clerk of Council of the City of Reading, Ohio do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance to be a true and correct copy of Ordinance # 2013 - 3012 passed by the Council of the City of Reading, Ohio at a Regular meeting on Agrot 2/2018

Torla Kacher