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The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump publicly declared that he was prepared to “obliterate Iran,” a statement that reflects an extreme and disproportionate use of force and signals a willingness to engage in devastating military escalation; and

WHEREAS, President Trump further suggested targeting critical infrastructure, including bridges, transportation networks, and power plants—systems that are essential to civilian life, public safety, and humanitarian stability; and

WHEREAS, international humanitarian law, including the principles established under the Geneva Conventions, strictly prohibits deliberate attacks on civilian infrastructure and requires all parties in a conflict to distinguish between military targets and civilian objects; and

WHEREAS, the intentional targeting or threatening of civilian infrastructure—such as energy systems, water supply, and transportation—would foreseeably cause widespread harm to civilian populations, including loss of life, displacement, and long-term societal disruption; and

WHEREAS, credible threats of such actions, even if not carried out, undermine global norms, increase the risk of armed conflict, and erode the United States' obligations and standing under international law; and

WHEREAS, threats or acts directed at civilians or civilian infrastructure may constitute war crimes and violations of fundamental human rights protections; and

WHEREAS, the use of such rhetoric by a sitting or former President of the United States raises grave concerns about adherence to constitutional responsibilities, the rule of law, and the nation's commitment to international peace and security; and

WHEREAS, upon deliberation there upon, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Lansing unequivocally condemns these statements and any policy positions that endorse or suggest attacks on civilian populations or infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Lansing calls upon its elected federal representatives to investigate these statements, reaffirm the United States' commitment to international humanitarian

law, and take all appropriate and lawful measures to ensure accountability, including consideration of removal from office where constitutionally justified; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be formally transmitted to Representative Josh Riley, Senator Charles E. Schumer, and Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand.

The question of the adoption of such Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, duly seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake –	Councilperson Laurie Hemmings –
Councilperson Christine Montague –	Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –
Supervisor Ruth Groff –	

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on April 15, 2026.