

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights is a member-partner community of the Great Lakes Water Authority (“GLWA”) and purchases wholesale water from GLWA; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has proposed wholesale water and sewer service charge increases for Fiscal Year 2027, with average systemwide increases of approximately 6.83% for water service; and

WHEREAS, these proposed increases exceed GLWA’s overall budget growth and will result in higher wholesale charges to member communities, regardless of local consumption trends; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights does not control GLWA wholesale rates and is required to pass through these increased costs to residents and businesses through local utility rates; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has identified declining water demand and reduced investment earnings as contributing factors, resulting in higher per-unit costs that disproportionately impact ratepayers even as overall water usage declines; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Michigan, including the City of Madison Heights are concurrently facing significant financial obligations associated with state-mandated lead service line replacement requirements, which are largely unfunded mandates without a permanent, dedicated funding source; and

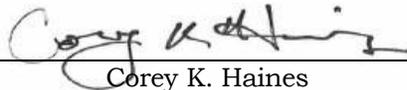
WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of rising wholesale water and sewer rates, unfunded infrastructure mandates, inflationary construction costs, and aging utility systems places increasing financial strain on local governments and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, access to clean, safe, and affordable water is a fundamental public necessity, and rate increases should be balanced against the ability of households to absorb additional costs; and

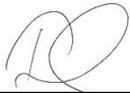
WHEREAS, GLWA has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed FY 2027 water and sewer service charges, providing an opportunity for member-partner communities to comment and advocate on behalf of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Madison Heights formally opposes the proposed FY 2027 GLWA wholesale water and sewer rate increases as currently presented, due to their impact on affordability for residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the GLWA Board of Directors.



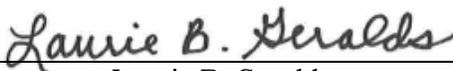
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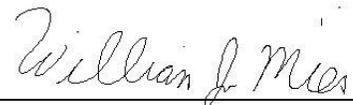
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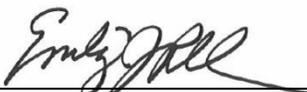
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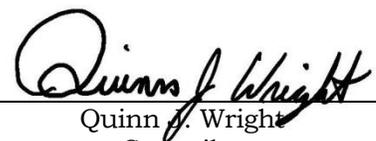
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