

COUNTY OF MCDONOUGH

RESOLUTION 2022-___

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MORATORIUM ON CARBON DIOXIDE (Co2) PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC, is currently seeking permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission to construct a carbon dioxide pipeline, a proposed pipeline that will span over thirty miles in McDonough County, from the northeast part of the county to the southwest part of the county; and

WHEREAS, this is the first carbon dioxide pipeline proposed to be constructed and operated in McDonough County, but the possibility exists that others may follow sometime in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline will cross many roads and other improvements operated by McDonough County and, given the nature of such pipelines, may cause previously unseen emergency healthcare needs for McDonough County residents living near the pipeline, needs which McDonough County and other units of local government located throughout McDonough County will be called upon to address; and

WHEREAS, McDonough County has authority to impose reasonable requirements on certain aspects of the proposed pipeline that are protective of the interests of McDonough County and its residents, however McDonough County requires time to review the proposed pipeline plans and needs to obtain additional information regarding carbon dioxide pipelines generally so that McDonough County can determine if imposing such requirements upon Carbon Dioxide (Co2) pipelines through amending present or passing new ordinances and/or resolutions is advisable; and

WHEREAS, the McDonough County Board is very concerned about the safety and well-being of its residents, and feels a two year moratorium is necessary to allow the Pipeline Hazardous Materials and Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Federal agency responsible for determining the safety of Carbon Dioxide (Co2) pipelines, to complete their upgraded standards to ensure the safest pipeline to be constructed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the McDonough County Board on this 19th day of October, 2022, so that the above-mentioned review and analysis may be thoroughly and diligently performed and acted upon as necessary, that no permits or other grants of authority to construct any carbon dioxide pipeline will be issued by McDonough County under its existing ordinances or any other laws prior to October 19, 2024.
