United Tribes of Michigan

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RESOLUTION # 096 10-16-2026

United Tribes of Michigan support for Ypsilanti Township's Opposition to Datacenter Development without Proper Consultation and Safeguards

WHEREAS, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to join forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

WHEREAS, the inherent sovereign rights of Tribal governments are advanced within their respective Constitutions and Laws, and are supported within provisions of the Constitution of the United States, and within the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and subsequent international actions; and

WHEREAS, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS UTM supports work to protect and preserve Native American cultural sites and heritage throughout our traditional territories in the Great Lakes region; and

WHEREAS the development of datacenters is raising concerns about land use, noise levels, water consumption, and electrical power needs. Additionally, for development of vacant lands the potential impacts on cultural resources is of vital concern; and

WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township is along the Huron River in Southeastern Michigan and is located in an area that was used by Indian tribes for river and trail travel throughout history. The area includes many sites of burials and other locations indicating

indigenous usage; and

WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township is strongly concerned about a proposed datacenter within its boundaries, particularly about the potential impact on tribal cultural resources; and

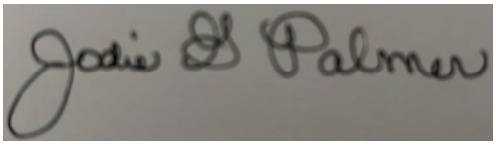
WHEREAS Ypsilanti Township has adopted a resolution listing its concerns including its demands that consultation be conducted with any affected Tribal Governments.

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that United Tribes of Michigan expresses its support of Ypsilanti Township as it seeks to guide this potential development including its demand that consultation with the Tribes be conducted prior to any development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this shall remain the policy of UTM until repealed or replaced by subsequent resolution.

Adopted by a vote of __9___in favor, __0___against, __0___abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held on 10-16-2026.





Chairman Austin Lowes
UTM President

Chairperson Jodi Palmer
UTM Secretary