

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A  
PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CYANIDE IN MICHIGAN MINES**

**WHEREAS**, mining companies are increasingly using cyanide to extract gold, silver, copper, zinc, and other metals from metallic ore; and,  
**WHEREAS**, cyanide poses serious environmental risks--from transportation on our roadways, from storage and use at mine site(s), and from residuals disposed in waste dumps; and,  
**WHEREAS**, cyanide is highly toxic, with tiny traces fatal to human beings, fish and wildlife, and acts as a powerful solvent that can release other toxins; and,  
**WHEREAS**, cyanide has been the cause of recent environmental disasters at U. S. mines (in Colorado, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, California, South Dakota, and South Carolina), and at many foreign mines (such as in Romania, Guyana, Canada, Kyrgyzstan, and Papua New Guinea), resulting in massive fish kills and contaminated drinking water; and,  
**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Montana voters banned cyanide for mining, and a similar ban initiative is underway in Colorado and in 2001 Wisconsin banned cyanide for mining; and,  
**WHEREAS**, Michigan must have the strongest mining laws in the nation in order to protect our abundance of clean water,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the ~~(Town, Village, County, etc)~~ of Menominee supports a prohibition on the use of cyanide reagents in Michigan mines and metallic ore processing facilities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Michigan State Legislature is urged to pass legislation to prohibit the use of cyanide in Michigan mines and metallic ore processing facilities.  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Representative and State Senator representing (County, Town, Village, etc.), the DNR Secretary, the Governor and the Michigan (Counties, Towns) Associations.

~~ROCKXAKE~~

**ADOPTED** 4/21/03 ; Coms. Furmanski, Lang, Lynch, Parrette, Stein  
voted aye.

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**LOST**

**VOTE TALLY** 5-0

**INTRODUCED BY:** Commissioner Lynch  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**SS**

Menominee County  
(County, Town, Village, etc.)

I, Barb Morrison Clerk of ~~(County, Town, Village, etc)~~ Menominee County

Michigan do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the (County, ~~Town, Village, etc.~~) Board of Supervisors on this date.

**DATE:** 4/21/03

**SIGNATURE**

Barb Morrison  
Name of Clerk, (County, ~~Town, Village, Etc.~~) Clerk of Menominee County