

**Resolution 16-10a**

**Opposing the Back Forty Proposed Mine**

**Whereas**, Aquila Resources' Back Forty Project, a proposed open pit metallic sulfide mine would be located on the banks of the Menominee River, which empties into Lake Michigan and is one of the largest watersheds in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula; and

**Whereas**, the Menominee River provides a unique habitat for species of special concern such as lake sturgeon and freshwater mussels, which would be negatively impacted by discharges into the water; and


**Whereas**, the potential impacts of the mine include long term leaching of acid-producing wastes into the groundwater and the river; and

**Whereas**, the hazardous wastes generated by the mine would degrade water quality and present risks to human health and the environment in Wisconsin as well as Michigan; and

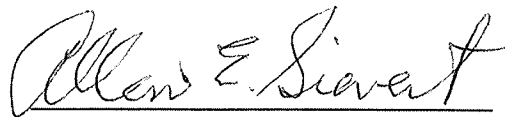
**Whereas**, the approval of this mine will result in the irreversible loss of significant cultural resources of the Menominee Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, including Native American gravesites and other areas of historical significance,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town of Wagner, Marinette County, Wisconsin strongly opposes Aquila's Back Forty metallic sulfide mine and urges the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to deny a mining permit for the Back Forty Project.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.




Lynn M. Hickey, Chairperson



Allen E. Sievert, Supervisor



Kurt Konell, Supervisor



Melissa S. Christiansen, Clerk