Resolution, Kalamazoo City Commission

Regarding Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, Covert, MI and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel order for evidentiary hearings into the safety and integrity of the Palisades reactor Pressure Vessel,
NRC Docket No. 50-255-LA-2

Whereas, Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, Covert MI is located only 40 miles from Kalamazoo MI, and,
Whereas, A serious radiological accident at Palisades poses extreme danger and an existential risk to the citizens of Kalamazoo, and
Whereas, Palisades NPP is one of the oldest nuclear power plants in the world, (1971), and
Whereas, the reactor pressure vessel of a nuclear reactor is the most essential factor in protecting the public and the environment for radio-active poisoning, in the event of a nuclear reactor accident, and,
Whereas, the Reactor Pressure Vessel at Palisades NPP is recognized to be the most “embrittled” Reactor Pressure Vessel operating in the United States, and,
Whereas, ENTERGY, the corporate owner of Palisades NPP, has failed to test the integrity of the Palisades RPV since 2003, and
Whereas, ENTERGY refuses to physically test the integrity and safety of the Palisades RPV until 2019, and,
Whereas, The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel determined in petition hearings, that substantive scientific testimony had established doubt about the safety the Palisades’ RPV, and
Whereas, THE ASLBP ordered evidentiary hearings into the safety of the Palisades RPV, June 19, 2015, and,
Whereas, ENTERGY has appealed the ASLBP ORDER, and refuses to physically test the integrity of the Palisades’ RPV,

Therefore, be it RESOLVED by the Kalamazoo City Commission that the health, happiness and welfare of the Citizens of Kalamazoo would be jeopardized by a radiological accident at Palisades NPP, and
Be it Resolved, that, enough scientific evidence has been presented to cast doubt on the safety of the Reactor Pressure Vessel at Palisades NPP, and,
Be it further Resolved that the Kalamazoo City Commission agrees with and supports the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Order of June 19, 2015, mandating full evidentiary hearings on the safety of the Palisades RPV, and
Be it further Resolved that the Kalamazoo City Commission calls for immediate physical testing using existing “test capsules” of the integrity and neutron embrittlement of the Palisades RPV.