

RESOLUTION
OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARBOR SPRINGS
(a Michigan Municipal Corporation)

4 November, 2013

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the world's largest freshwater ecosystem and a precious and irreplaceable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are threatened by the introduction of Asian Carp, an aggressive invasive species that have dominated waterways due to their large size and have threatened the native species of fish by eating enormous amounts of food that the native fish rely on; and

WHEREAS, Asian Carp threaten the safety of pleasure boaters, the viability of the commercial fishing industry and the attraction of recreational users of the waterways... threatening the activities that are critical to the economy of our community as well as the culture, ecology and welfare of the entire region.

WHEREAS, evidence exists that invasive carp have migrated northward through the Mississippi River system as far north as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, significantly reducing or eliminating populations of the more desirable species of fish because of their voracious food consumption and prolific reproduction.

WHEREAS, the invasive carp are threatening to enter the Great Lakes at a number of points across the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Harbor Springs City Council urges our congressional delegation to promptly authorize, fund and oversee the implementation of the most effective options to positively ensure that this and other invasive species are prevented from entering and creating irreparable and permanent harm to the Great Lakes and the resulting economic damage to the recreational, fishing and tourism industries of the Great Lakes States.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Harbor Springs City Council held Monday, November 4, 2013 with a quorum present and a vote of five in favor and none opposed and none absent.

Ayes: Bugera, Cupps, Dika, Holdorph and Pfeifer

Nays: None

Abstain: None

I hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by the City Council of the City of Harbor Springs at a regular meeting held on November 4, 2013.



Ronald B. McRae, Clerk