RESOLUTION of

New Haven Township Board 2022-10

WHEREAS New Haven Township is a duly and legally constituted body governed by a duly and legally elected township board, and

WHEREAS New Haven Township and its residents, for zoning matters, are under the auspices of the Shiawassee County Rural Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS this board is cognizant of the amendments to said Shiawassee County Rural Zoning Ordinance in Article 21 (Solar Energy Systems -SES) eff. 10/19/2017 as well as amendments to Article 12 (Special Use Permits), and

WHERAS New Haven Township is primarily rural and characteristically has some of this county's most pristine agriculture and cropland qualities and multigenerational farms, and WHEREAS, this board has historically encouraged the balance of the orderly population growth and the maintaining and preserving of the above attributes and related quality of life, health and welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS casual observations in other parts of Shiawassee County where until recently also presented pristine, crop producing lands are now chaotically displaced by hundreds (or more) acres of blight infestation in the form of solar farms, and

WHEREAS solar farms, once allowed would present innumerable, costly attempts at enforcement during their operation and (potential) decommissioning with many issues including the possible toxicity to the ground despite the best efforts of the county under the above noted sections of the Shiawassee County Rural Zoning Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Township Board puts on notice to all Shiawassee County governance including the Board of Commissioners and the Shiawassee County Planning Commission, its strong OPPOSITION to the allowance, through Special Use Permit or otherwise, of any Commercial SES within the jurisdictional area of New Haven Township.