

RESOLUTION 2014-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE STURGIS COMMON COUNCIL TO OPPOSE FEDERAL EXPANSION INTO LOCAL WATERWAYS

WHEREAS, the Community of Sturgis is based on diverse economic base compromised of Agriculture, Healthcare, Tourism, Natural Resources and Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the American median family income from 2000-2012 increased by 22% while Sturgis median family income increased by 57%; and

WHEREAS, significant growth in disposable income and quality of life was made possible by innovative entrepreneurs and a cooperative governmental structure which includes reasonable regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently proposing a massive expansion of the clean water act; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the aforementioned act will greatly affect the definition of navigable waterways; and

WHEREAS, the change in definition will thrust federal mandates onto nearly every small pool, ditch, pond, and "body of water" within the greater Sturgis Community; and

WHEREAS, this type of federal government expansion would hamper our economy as it has hampered the National economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of Sturgis is opposed to any such efforts to expand federal oversight into local and private land matters and encourages the Federal Government to focus on federally significant waterways and allow local government and private citizens to grow and develop as the Constitution of the United States so wisely sets forth.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2014.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mayor Mark Carstensen

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno
City Finance Officer

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