

RESOLUTION NO. 21-36

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORD COUNTY BOARD, ILLINOIS SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE PLANNING**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois consists of one hundred two very different counties, each unique and with specific sensitivities and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Constitution and Counties Code 55 ILCS 5/5-12001 as written have proven the wisdom in establishing local Counties are the best entity to support the needs, interests, and safety of its residents due to direct feedback and understanding of the County's needs, while State Officials or Industry Leaders who do not reside in these counties may not be aware of the most relevant and current information; and

**WHEREAS**, Ford County has developed or is currently developing ordinances to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property values of its residents and to provide investment and employment opportunities with unique zoning specifics for our area, including projects such as wind and solar power generating plants, and

**WHEREAS** Senate Bill 1602 pending approval would marginalize or disenfranchise the Ford County Board's right to develop or refine ordinances specific to wind and solar power generating projects as well as other bona fide land use projects that may be constructed in Ford County; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1602 would relinquish local authority, and the determination of needs specific to an area, to others who do not reside in the community; and

**NOW BE IT DECLARED** that the Ford County Board opposes Senate Bill 1602, any trailer bill or any bill similar thereto and stands with our residents' right to make decisions in land-use planning for the legacy of their communities, areas, and future generations and respectfully request our right to make decisions in zoning and land-use planning remain with the County Board and local zoning procedure.

RESOLVED BY THE FORD COUNTY BOARD, FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



Debbie Smith  
Ford County Chairman of the Board

Attest:



Amy Frederick  
Ford County Clerk & Recorder