

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-05**

**URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE RELIABLE NUCLEAR ENERGY REMAINS A PRIORITY AND PRESERVE THIS ZERO CARBON RESOURCE FOR ILLINOIS' FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Coal City is located within a region that is rich in energy production due to the establishment of three nuclear power production facilities – the Dresden, Braidwood & LaSalle Generating Stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dresden Generating Station's operation is crucial to the standard of living afforded to the Villages' residents due to its provision of \$510 million of equalized assessed valuation (EAV), which is 60% of the total EAV of the Coal City Community Unit School District #1, which provides education for all of the region's Coalers at a fraction of the cost if this large employer did not exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Power Authority, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities released the "Potential Nuclear Power Plant Closings in Illinois" report on January 5, 2015 identifying the potential risk of closure of nuclear power production facilities within the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, such a closure would be detrimental to the residents of the State of Illinois due to the loss of nearly 8,000 jobs, \$1.8 billion in annual economic opportunity, and an estimated \$18 billion in economic damages through increased carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, a chorus of legislators within the Illinois General Assembly and United States Congress have lent their support of legislation that could help preserve the existing reliable nuclear energy production facilities within Illinois and establish a Low Carbon Portfolio Standard that would require a portion of the energy produced must emit low or zero carbon; and

**WHEREAS**, a Low Carbon Portfolio Standard (LCPS) would meet the Environmental Protection Agency's call for reduced carbon emissions while utilizing existing power plants by requiring Illinois' electric utilities to obtain low carbon energy credits equal to 70% of the electricity used on the energy distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Rezin is the chief co-sponsor of Illinois Senate Bill 1585 and Representatives Larry Walsh, Jr. and John Anthony have sponsored Illinois House Bill 3293 to increase the environmental standards by which energy can be produced within the State of Illinois and shall preserve the capabilities of the Dresden, Braidwood & LaSalle Generating Stations on which the Coal City community relies upon for sustainable full-time employment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Coal City urges the Governor and the General Assembly to secure a low-carbon energy for the State of Illinois and preserve the reliable nuclear infrastructure present within our region and the State of Illinois.

AYES: 6  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Approved this 23 day of March, 2015

  
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Neal E. Nelson, President

Attest:

  
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Pamela M. Noffsinger, Clerk