

# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: *Shemas Young, Shemas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan,  
Bill Fultz, Matt Koch*

Commissioners Absent: *none*

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner *Fultz*,  
seconded by Commissioner *Koch*,

## RESOLUTION 2024-13 OPPOSING THE USE OF STATE LANDS BY CAMP GRAYLING BY PERMIT

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan National Guard (MNG) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will allow the MNG to use up to 52,000 acres of state land by way of permits over the next five years and beyond and;

**WHEREAS**, Crawford County depends on the amount of accessible state land for their tourism industry and the MNG has yet to demonstrate that the additional acreage is needed on top of the existing 230 square miles and;

**WHEREAS**, the permit process as outlined in the MOU and as provided by law does not allow for the opportunity for the public to make comment or have input and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed uses on these lands will disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the natural resources available in Crawford County, reducing tourism and negatively impacting the local businesses and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling's use of state lands is directly contrary to the Mission Statement of the DNR and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners opposes the MOU and allowing the military uses of state lands by permit to be issued to the MNG, defense contractors, affiliates, or proxies, or the usage of electronic or electromagnetic devices, of unknown risk where the public recreates, to the wildlife, or the environment and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners urge the Governor and the DNR Director to immediately terminate the MOU as provided for in that agreement and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to State Senator Kevin Daley, State Representatives Matthew Bierlein, Gregory Alexander and Phil Green, DNR Director Scott Bowen, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF TUSCOLA


Yes: *Young, Bradwell, Vaughan, Rutz, Koch*

No: *none*

Absent: *none*

  
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Kim Vaughan, Chair  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Clerk of the County of Tuscola, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2024.

  
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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO