

Resolution 14-46

RESTORATION OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL TAX CREDIT

WHEREAS, the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit (AFTC) for compressed natural gas (CNG), originally passed by Congress under the SAFETEA-LU Act, expired on December 31, 2013.

WHEREAS, under the AFTC, Blue Water Area Transportation Commission (BWATC) received \$0.50 of Federal funding for every gallon equivalent of CNG it produced.

WHEREAS, BWATC produces CNG fuel at four different locations throughout St. Clair County.

WHEREAS, BWATC's fueling station on Lapeer Avenue is the largest CNG fueling facility in the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, BWATC produces fuel for its fleet of 76 CNG-powered buses (the largest CNG fleet in the State), the St. Clair County Council on Aging's fleet of 14 CNG-powered buses, and also sells CNG fuel to the general public.

WHEREAS, BWATC would receive approximately \$200,000 this year if the AFTC were reenacted retroactive to January 1.

WHEREAS, BWATC used the AFTC to help offset rising costs associated with operating and maintaining CNG fueling facilities and its CNG-powered buses.

WHEREAS, BWATC's substantial investment in CNG has resulted in reduced emissions and improved air quality in the region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that our Federal representatives use all reasonable efforts to restore the Alternative Fuel Tax Credit retroactive to January 1, 2014

DATED: October 29, 2014

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