



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
RESOLUTION 22.45**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY FOR THE  
POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF THE CAULKINS DAM**

WHEREAS in a news release dated August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will “gather opinions from the public about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generating facilities”; and

WHEREAS one of those 13 dams owned by Consumers Energy is known as the Caulkins Dam and is located on the Kalamazoo River just west of the City of Allegan, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the due to the placement of the Caulkins Dam on the Kalamazoo River, a 1,659 acre lake known as Lake Allegan has been created and subsequently the land surrounding Lake Allegan has been developed into a vibrant and growing community of homes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being home to a vibrant and growing community of homes, Lake Allegan has also grown in reputation of being a recreation destination in West Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the combination of this vibrant and growing community and recreation opportunities on Lake Allegan has led to an apparent economic benefit for the larger Allegan Community, including the City of Allegan; and

WHEREAS, the potential removal of the Caulkins Dam, will have a severe impact on Lake Allegan and severely hurt the vibrant and growing community of homes and recreation opportunities, thus negatively affecting the economy of the larger Allegan Area including the City of Allegan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Allegan requests that regional, state, federal and private entities come together to fully fund a full economic impact study on the economic benefits of the Caulkins Dam and Lake Allegan.

**DATED: November 14, 2022**

**AYES: Andrus, Galloway, Hanse, Morgan, Redding, Zeter**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT: Bird**

**RESOLUTION DECLARED: ADOPTED**

  
Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Michaela Kleehammer, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Allegan, does hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, on this 14th day of November 2022

  
Michaela Kleehammer, City Clerk