

**VILLAGE OF EMPIRE  
LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 09 OF 2023**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF EMPIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC) REDEVELOPMENT  
READY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

Whereas, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to share their future and maximize economic potential; and

Whereas, the MEDC has revised the RRC Program to include an Essentials Best Practices option for smaller communities; and

Whereas, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and provides an Essentials Best Practice options for smaller Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair and consistent processes; and

Whereas, the Village of Empire recognizes the value of the RRC program and seeks to document and improve its redevelopment readiness via a review of existing development processes; and

Whereas the RRC program includes evaluating and strengthening the social and economic development-related partnerships between the Village Council and stakeholders such as the MEDC, the Empire Chamber of Commerce, the Empire Area Community Center, the Empire Planning Commission, and other service organizations in Empire; and

Now, Therefore, it is Resolved as follows:

1. The Village of Empire is willing to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including increased interaction and partnership with the MEDC, the Planning Commission, the Empire Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders in the development and review process.
2. It is the intention of the Village of Empire to utilize the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process to improve our processes and communication with stakeholders.
3. The Village of Empire, Planning Commission with assistance from the Village Office, is hereby authorized to proceed toward implementation of the recommend actions necessary to receive the RRC Essentials Best Practices option from the MEDC.

**Dye moved that Resolution No. 9 of 2023, a resolution authorizing the Village of Empire to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, be approved with immediate effect. Support by Bacon.**

Voting for: Bacon, Dye, Palmer, Rademacher, Walton, Webb

Voting against: None.

Absent: Chase

The resolution is declared adopted.

  
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Sue Palmer, Village President

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Derith A. Smith, Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy and original copy of Resolution No. 9 of 2023, which was adopted by Village Council for the Village of Empire at a meeting held on September 14, 2023, which was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

  
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Derith A. Smith, Village Clerk