

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING SCIENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT OF DEEP-SALINE
GROUNDWATER RESOURCES**

The Victoria Chamber of Commerce recognizes that long-term water security is essential to sustaining economic growth, attracting new investment, creating jobs, and supporting the quality of life throughout Victoria County and the Crossroads region.

Deep-saline groundwater represents an alternative water source that can help preserve freshwater supplies for residential, agricultural, municipal, and environmental needs. The Chamber further recognizes that there is currently no evidence that deep-saline groundwater production has caused harm to freshwater aquifers or existing groundwater users in Victoria County.

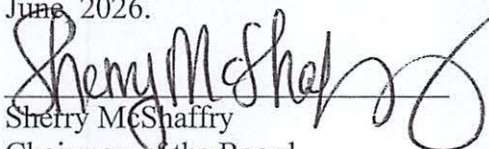
The Board believes that groundwater policy should be guided by science, monitoring, testing, reporting, and real-world operational data. Existing regulatory authority already provides the tools necessary to require monitoring, establish permit conditions, and manage groundwater resources responsibly.

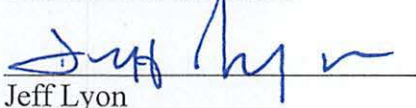
The Chamber also recognizes that industrial employers and economic development projects require certainty regarding future water availability when making investment decisions. Regulatory uncertainty may place Victoria County at a competitive disadvantage and discourage future investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce supports the responsible development and use of deep-saline groundwater resources under existing regulatory oversight and opposes a moratorium on deep-saline groundwater permitting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Victoria Chamber of Commerce encourages science-based, data-driven groundwater management policies that protect freshwater resources while supporting economic development, job creation, and long-term prosperity throughout Victoria County and the Crossroads region.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce this 12 Day of June, 2026.


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