

**A RESOLUTION PROTESTING MEGA-CHICKEN FARM  
LOCATING IN WILLIAMS COUNTY**

**WHEREAS:** The Williams County Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors have met and are very much concerned with the prospect of a proposed mega-chicken farm locating in Williams County; and

**WHEREAS:** The Williams County Economic Development Corporation's Directors have the right and responsibility to the general health and welfare of the citizens, businesses, and industries; and

**WHEREAS:** Many citizens, businesses, and industries express serious concerns about the negative impact that a mega-chicken farm will have on the quality of life in and around Williams County: and

**WHEREAS:** The concerns include odor and air pollution, fly problem, protection of our water aquifer, pollution of nearby streams and water ways from manure and animal waste produced, and negative impact on property values; and

**WHEREAS:** The Williams County Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors would propose updated legislature regulating mega farms of any description, prior to the location of the mega-farm within the State of Ohio; and recommend extensive studies be conducted dealing with environmental issues, especially the potential contamination of natural aquifers. The WEDCO Board of Directors recommends that any mega-farms be made to follow rules and regulations similar to other industries which follow EPA and Health Department strict regulations. The aquifers in Williams County are the sole source of water for the entire County. Contamination of Williams County sole source of water would negatively affect every citizen, business and industry in Williams County; and

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Directors shares the concerns as stated above.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Williams County Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors after thoughtful consideration believes that the strength of the arguments against a chicken farm are warranted and before going forward must be addressed.

PASSED June 27, 2006  
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