

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SENECA COUNTY

Waterloo, New York 13165

SENECA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE-AFFIRMS OPPOSITION TO LPG STORAGE ON SENECA LAKE

RESOLUTION NO. 167-16, moved by Supervisor Churchill, second by Supervisor Garlick Lorenzetti and adopted.

WHEREAS, More than fifty percent of Seneca Lake lies within the borders of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes water shed to NY State, our local community and the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors understands the life sustaining and irreplaceable role Seneca Lake fulfills in providing drinking water for over 100 thousand Seneca and neighboring county residents, as well as its role as a recreational asset, its importance to the fish and wild-life of the Finger Lakes Region and its pivotal role in the promotion of areas tourism and burgeoning Wine Industry; and

WHEREAS, the recent events in Flint Michigan and other communities around our nation and state have exposed the tragic outcomes of poorly conceived plans regarding the use and protection of our most valuable resource, WATER; and

WHEREAS, the very recent Aliso Canyon, CA gas leak clearly demonstrates the inherent danger and unacceptable risks associated with gas storage in populated areas; and

WHEREAS, this Board deems that such a catastrophic event and its consequences to Seneca Lake and the Finger Lakes Region presents an unacceptable risk; and

WHEREAS, it has recently come to the attention of this Board that information suggests that the proposed LPG facility may have failed to obtain the proper approval from a duly appointed State Geologist—a position vacant since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County stands united with 30 other Finger Lakes municipalities and counties representing over 1.2 million residents; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Affairs Committee approved this resolution at its special meeting on July 12, 2016; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors demands that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any permit for the storage of LPG and other such carbon based fuels adjacent to or under Seneca Lake, and it is further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board forward a copy of this resolution to the Acting NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, the United States Environmental protection Agency, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority leader Brian Kolb, Assemblyman Phillip Palmesano, US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and US Senator Chuck Schumer.

*I do hereby certify that I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at Waterloo, New York, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original; and that said original was duly **adopted at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County held at Waterloo, New York on the 12 day of July 2016.***

STATE OF NEW YORK
County of Seneca}

Margaret E. Li, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Seneca County, Waterloo, New York 13165

Given under my hand and official seal _____