TOWN OF ROMULUS

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OPPOSE LPG STORAGE ADJACENT TO SENECA LAKE RESOLUTION #51-14

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Romulus recognizes the importance of the Finger Lakes water shed to the 'state and to the local community; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Town Board that a plan has been proposed for storage of LP gas in large quantities, adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is keenly aware of the role played by Seneca Lake in providing drinking water for a large segment of the population of Seneca as well as other counties, Seneca Lake's designation as a scenic by-way, its role as a recreational asset and in promotion of area tourism as well as its importance to the fish and wild-life of the Finger Lakes area; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Town Board that a specific site, Well 58, proposed for such storage had previously been plugged and abandoned by the prior owner, New York State Electric and Gas Corp. and deemed no longer appropriate for storage of the type proposed by the current owner; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is deeply concerned with reports of the failure of structures of the same type being suggested for such storage at Seneca Lake due to earth tremors of the same severity sometimes experienced in up-state New York as well as reports of leakage in similar structures that are neither designed nor built specifically for the purpose proposed; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic consequences to the Lake and the Finger Lakes Water Shed would be unavoidable in the event of a similar event taking place at the proposed storage site; and

WHEREAS, the Town board is aware that the Department of Environmental Conversation has expressed similar concerns over such site failures both here and at other similar facilities around the country; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Romulus joins Senator Michael Nozzolio in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conversation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LP Gas adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority leader Brian Kolb,

Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, the Mayor of Watkins Glen, New York, the Schuyler County Legislature, the Yates County Legislature, the Ontario Board of Supervisors, and the Reading Town Board.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Motioned by: Councilman Ralph Walborn, Jr. Seconded by: Councilman Kyle Collinsworth

becomed by.	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Carroll Councilman Walborn Councilwoman Jackson Councilman Collinsworth Supervisor Kaiser	[xx] [xx] [xx] [xx]		[xx] [] []	[] [] [] []

Carried

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

June 18, 2014

Terry Smith, Town Clerk

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