

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**YATES COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Penn Yan, N.Y. October 14, 2014**

**I Hereby Certify**, That I have compared the preceding with the original thereof, on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature at Penn Yan, 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 County Legislature of Yates County held at Penn Yan, New York on the 14th day of October 2014.

**RESOLUTION NO. 332-14**

**YATES COUNTY CONCERNS OVER PROPOSED LPG STORAGE PROJECT IN THE SENECA LAKE WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, Yates County contains 24 miles of lake shoreline on Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Legislature recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State and to the local community as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism economy of the Finger Lakes Region; and

WHEREAS, Crestwood has proposed a large scale liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage facility adjacent to and beneath Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, said project would involve storage of LPG in caverns created by the solution mining of salt deposits below and adjacent to Seneca Lake, and movement and surface storage of salt water displaced from said caverns as LPG is pumped into and out of said caverns; and

WHEREAS, the Yates County Legislature is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this project due to:

1. The uncertain geologic stability of the subterranean caverns, and the risk that such caverns could be compromised by even low level earthquakes that are common in this region of New York State.
2. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water from surface storage facilities into Seneca Lake or its tributaries.
3. The threat of discharge of large amounts of salt water as it is being moved between subterranean caverns and surface storage facilities during the course of operations.
4. The threat of LPG seepage from said subterranean caverns; and

RESOLVED, that the Yates County Legislature joins Senator Michael Nozzolio in respectfully requesting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation withhold approval of any plan for mass storage of LPG adjacent to or under Seneca Lake and exercise its power in assisting in determining a more appropriate location for any such storage site; and further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Michael Nozzolio, Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Permit Administrator for Region 8 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Seneca County Board of Supervisors, Schuyler County Legislature, Ontario County Legislature, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Assemblyman Philip Palmesano, Senator Thomas O'Mara, Congressman Thomas Reed, and Governor Andrew Cuomo.



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Clerk of the Yates County Legislature