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Washington, DC 20426

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Dear Secretary Bose,

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 129 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST MADE BY THE SENECA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, NEW YORK AND THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OTHER AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SENECA LAKE SEEKING THE DENIAL OF THE REQUEST BY CRESTWOOD MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR MASS STORAGE OF LIQUID PROPANE GAS (LPG) ADJACENT TO OR UNDER SENECA LAKE".

The Onondaga County Legislature adopted this resolution on August 4, 2015.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE M. FRENCH  
Deputy Clerk

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August 4, 2015

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Motion Made By Mr. Plochocki

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (NYSDEC) IN SUPPORT OF THE REQUEST MADE BY THE SENECA COUNTY LEGISLATURE, NEW YORK AND THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF OTHER AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF SENECA LAKE SEEKING THE DENIAL OF THE REQUEST BY CRESTWOOD MIDSTREAM PARTNERS, LP FOR APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR MASS STORAGE OF LIQUID PROPANE GAS (LPG) ADJACENT TO OR UNDER SENECA LAKE**

**WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County of Onondaga was contacted by members of the Seneca County Legislature seeking our support in the form of a resolution to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to deny the application of Crestwood Midstream Partners, LP for an operating permit that would allow the storage of liquid propane gas (LPG) along the shores of Seneca Lake and in the salt caverns beneath the Lake; and**

**WHEREAS, this Onondaga County Legislature recognizes the importance of Seneca Lake to the State of New York and the surrounding community as a drinking water source, for recreation, as a natural habitat, and in supporting the thriving tourism of the Finger Lakes Region; and**

**WHEREAS, this County Legislature understands the dangerous precedent that would be set by allowing the storage of LPG along the shores of Seneca Lake and in the salt caverns beneath the Lake as the City of Syracuse gets its drinking water from another of the Finger Lakes, Skaneateles Lake; and**

**WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Legislature understands the importance of protecting areas such as Seneca Lake and Skaneateles Lake, which not only provide clean drinking water, but are also attractions for tourists and residents alike for the recreational activities and natural beauty that they provide; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed operation at Seneca Lake would import LPG to the town of Reading, New York, just north of Watkins Glen, New York, via truck and rail, with the possibility of an eventual pipeline; and**

**WHEREAS, as it arrives, the LPG is drawn out for shipping further north and east and a salty brine is piped in to maintain the pressure level; and**

**WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes are shale rich, which means that the salt caverns are not solid salt deposits, but rather striated layers of salt and shale; and**

**WHEREAS, the activity proposed for the storage of LPG poses a risk that small fissures in the caverns could release the salty brine and/or LPG into Seneca Lake; and**

**WHEREAS, this Onondaga County Legislature is deeply concerned with the potential for dramatic and catastrophic environmental impacts from this proposed project at Seneca Lake, which could set a dangerous precedent for other companies to propose similar projects for the rest of the Finger Lakes area and throughout New York State; and**

WHEREAS, this Onondaga County Legislature is opposed to the issuance of an operating permit for the storage of LPG on the shore of and beneath Seneca Lake; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this Onondaga County Legislature urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to consider the concerns raised by this County Legislature and, in particular, those concerns raised by the Seneca County Legislature and the other legislative bodies of the Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages that surround Seneca Lake, and hereby requests that the application pending before DEC from Crestwood Midstream Partners, LP, an organization out of the State of Texas, to allow storage of LPG along the shores of Seneca Lake and in salt caverns beneath Seneca Lake, be denied; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, County Executive Joanie Mahoney, the Syracuse Common Council, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, U.S. Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, U.S. Representative John Katko; the members representing Onondaga County within the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Permit Administrator of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

14th DAY OF August, 2015.

*Deborah A. Maturo*

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