

RESOLUTION NO. 403-11

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MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO BAN HORIZONTAL HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS WELLS WITHIN THE FINGER LAKES WATERSHEDS AND LAKE ONTARIO WATERSHED

BY: Ann Petrus, Chair, Planning Committee

WHEREAS, Finger Lakes Watersheds and Lake Ontario Watershed are the primary source of water supply for thousands of residents in Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the exploration for the development of natural gas wells in shale formations underlying New York State utilized the process of hydraulic fracturing of horizontally drilled wells (herein called horizontal hydro-fracturing), in order to extract and access natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Catskills and the Skaneateles Lake watersheds which serve New York City and the residents of the County of Onondaga have been identified for protection in the draft Department of Environmental Conservation regulations from horizontal hydro-fracturing; and

WHEREAS, the horizontal hydro-fracturing process produces large quantities of hazardous chemically infiltrated water which must be disposed of at public wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the disposal of such chemically infiltrated water at public wastewater treatment facilities may not remove all hazardous chemicals which may then be discharged into the public water of an adjacent municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Cayuga County Legislature is concerned, and there is a lack of public confidence, that the method of natural gas extraction by the horizontal hydro-fracturing process is safe and that the draft regulations will be ineffective in protecting the environment and drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the Finger Lakes Watersheds and Lake Ontario Watershed from any possible contamination and a ban on horizontal hydro-fracturing within the Finger Lakes Watersheds and Lake Ontario Watershed is required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cayuga County Legislature does hereby approve this resolution requesting the Governor and New York State Legislature to enact and issue a ban on horizontal hydro-fracturing for the development of natural gas wells within the Finger Lakes Watersheds and Lake Ontario Watershed to protect these drinking waters from chemical contamination produced by this process; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Cayuga County Legislature transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the New York State Senate and Assembly.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I HAVE COMPARED THE FOREGOING COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF CAYUGA COUNTY AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2011 WITH THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION, AND THAT THE SAME IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY AND TRANSCRIPT THEREOF, AND THE WHOLE THEREOF.

9/28/2011 9:10AM


CLERK, CAYUGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE