

**RESOLUTION PRONOUNCING OPPOSITION BY THE TOWN OF HAMLIN TO THE IJC PLAN 2014 AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, The Hamlin Town Board of the Town of Hamlin, New York, understands the concern and desire of the United States and Canada to have a plan of water level control that balances the needs of stakeholders in the Lake Ontario Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the impounded waters of the Lake Ontario provide reliable flows to produce inexpensive electricity and support international shipping; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the need to plan in both nations to meet the anticipated accelerating increases in urban demand for electricity and support international shipping; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes the difficulties presented into the International Joint Commission in creating a new lake level management plan that addresses the desires of all stakeholders without causing undue harm; and

WHEREAS, the Town has shoreline and near shoreline properties that may be impacted by any change to the decision making process and current performance of the Board of Control of the IJC; and

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the 374 privately held parcels in the Town along the shoreline and creeks exceed \$80,104,000; and

WHEREAS, New York State and the Town of Hamlin have a vested interest in the sanctity and preservation of Hamlin Beach State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes this investment in real property has been made with critical evaluations for risk management reliant on the demonstrated lake level management capabilities of the Board of Control since 1960; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the new trigger levels authorizing the release of addition waters from Lake Ontario under Plan 2014 do not adequately protect residents on the south shore; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that there are no reliable estimates of the damage these proposed changes in the Lake Ontario water level regulatory regime, thereby leaving south shore residents exposed to unknown damages; and

WHEREAS, these proposed regulations will force many people to move from their present homes because of the increased risks and cost associated with these changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hamlin Town Board opposes the changes proposed under Plan 2014 regulating the level of Lake Ontario.

**Resolution #194** Motion was made by Councilperson Baxter, seconded by Councilperson Rose, opposing the IJC Plan 2014.

Polled votes, Baxter aye, Goodrich aye, Maier aye, Rose aye, Peters aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters stated that a copy of the resolution would be forwarded to all pertinent jurisdictions, and he hope it would make a difference.

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