

2012-5A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION PLAN BV7

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission (IJC) has announced consideration of a new order of approval to replace the current order of approval controlling the water levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of the new order of approval, known as BV7, is to reverse environmental damage caused by the current regulation plan, particularly with regard to the restoration of 65,000 acres of shoreline meadow marsh; and

WHEREAS, BV7 will increase the current range of water levels significantly beyond what private and public riparian property owners relied upon for the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, projected lake levels under the proposed plan will result in increased duration and frequency of high and low water, significantly increasing the potential for damages to Lake Ontario properties (conservatively estimated at over \$3.1 million per year) and negatively impacting sport fishing and recreational boating economics across the entire region (estimated at over \$30 million per year); and

WHEREAS, Sodus Point is the home of some of the best sport fishing, pleasure sailing and power-boating in the world, and

WHEREAS, modifying the current range of operation by Plan BV7 will hinder boating access and when combined with the protracted absence of federal funding for maintenance dredging of our federal shallow draft harbors, will cause significant and measurable negative financial impacts to Sodus Point's economy;

WHEREAS, fifty seven percent of the total assessed value of the Village of Sodus Point resides in parcels located along the Lake Ontario and Sodus Bay shoreline, which if damaged from repeated flooding and/or increased erosion would result in reduced tax revenues and a transfer of financial responsibility resulting in higher taxes to inland property owners; and

WHEREAS, the main municipal sewer lift station is at an elevation of 248 feet above sea level; and

WHEREAS, should high water and wave action cause the pump station to become inoperable, 90 percent of the Village of Sodus Point will lose municipal sewage treatment service rendering the Village uninhabitable; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Sodus Point Village Board publicly opposes the BV7 Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the IJC immediately enact a moratorium on the development of any future proposals to modify the range of water levels on Lake Ontario; and be it further

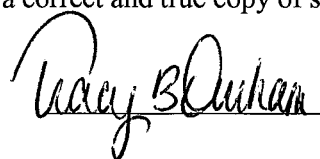
RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the International Joint Commission, the New York Department of State, the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, U.S. Congresswoman Ann Marie Buerkle, Assemblyman Robert Oaks, U.S. Senator Michael Nozzolio, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman Mark Grisanti, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman Robert Sweeney, U.S. EPA Region II Administrator Judith Enck, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK:
COUNTY OF WAYNE: SS:
VILLAGE OF SODUS POINT

I, Tracy B Durham, Village Clerk of the Village of Sodus Point, Wayne County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Sodus Point on the 17 May 2012 with the original of such resolution now on file in my office, and the same is a correct and true copy of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

Dated: 6/15/12

 Village Clerk/Treasurer