

TOWN OF OSSINING

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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<u>Resolution – Support for State Law to Prohibit Discharging Radiological Agents into State</u> Waters

WHEREAS, the Town of Ossining is located on the Hudson River and also owns property, including Louis Engel Park and the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club, which is situated on the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River serves as a drinking water source for over 100,000 New Yorkers and is a source of recreation for many Town residents, including swimming and boating; and

WHEREAS, the potential release of radioactive contaminants to our State's most influential river is an urgent matter to the Town; and

WHEREAS, exposure to toxic substances and radioactive material poses not only a possible health risk, but also a serious economic risk to our communities with potential negative impacts on real estate values and potential negative impacts to our local businesses from tourism related to the Town's proximity to the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and economic well-being of its residents, New York must take a strong stance against radiological dumping into State waters; and

WHEREAS, as climate change continues to threaten us, our water sources will serve as a competitive edge to resiliency and we must ensure they are protected and preserved; and

WHEREAS, existing regulations represent the minimum protections the State is required to provide and must evolve over time to be more protective; and

WHEREAS, State Senator Pete Harckham has sponsored a bill (S5181) to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the throwing, draining, running or otherwise discharging (directly or indirectly) any radiological agent into State waters with substantial daily penalties; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby expresses its unanimous and unequivocal support for Senate Bill S5181 and asks the State Legislature and the Governor to support the passage of this much-needed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to circulate certified copies of this resolution to appropriate local, County and State officials and legislators.

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I, Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk of the Town of Ossining, Westchester County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution adopted by the

Town Board at a meeting held on the 14th day of March, 2023 and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof. I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Supervisor Elizabeth Feldman and Councilmembers Angelo A. Manicchio, Gregory G. Meyer, Matthew J. Weiss and Jennifer Fields-Tawil were present at such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the TOWN OF OSSINING THIS 16st day of March, 2023.

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Susanne Donnelly, Town Clerk