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The following Resolution was duly presented for consideration by the Town Board:

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing is largely an agricultural community with 38,714 acres in land size and, as of 2015, 16,261 acres (or about 42% of the Town) that are actively being farmed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lansing has four industrial solar projects in process, and several community-scale projects already built; and

WHEREAS, the land that is being turned to industrial solar is currently farmland, with none of the Town of Lansing's brownfields being considered for solar fields; and

WHEREAS, industrial solar projects in the Town of Lansing have averaged 1,000 acres per project, with the result being that more than 10% of the Town's total acreage, or 25% of the Town's farmland is being turned into solar fields; and

WHEREAS, the scale of solar that is being proposed in the Town of Lansing is approaching a scale that will transform the agricultural landscape into an industrial landscape without consideration for the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES") process looks at these projects one at a time, and not their cumulative effect; and

WHEREAS, the ORES process removed the Town's ability to look at the cumulative effect, and does not give that option to any other municipal entities; and upon consideration and deliberation upon the foregoing, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the State put into effect a process that takes into account the cumulative effect of additional industrial solar projects on the nature of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town is asking the State of New York to put a moratorium on solar projects that are primarily on farmland in the Town of Lansing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor send this resolution to Governor Hochul; Senator Schumer; Senator Gillibrand; Representative Riley; Senator Webb; Assemblymember Kelles;

Rory Christian, Chair and CEO of the New York State Public Service Commission; and Zeryai Hagos, Executive Director of the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting.

The question of the adoption of such proposed Resolution was duly motioned by Councilperson _____, duly seconded by Councilperson _____, and put to a roll call vote with the following results:

Councilperson Judy Drake –

Councilperson Christine Montague –

Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Councilperson Laurie Hemmings –

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on June 18, 2025.