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RESOLUTION R25-

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

WHEREAS, Cargill Incorporated has submitted a permit application (0-9999-00075/00001) to renew and modify its Mined Land Reclamation Permit for the Cayuga Salt Mine, which includes plans to flood the abandoned S3 Zone of the mine beneath Cayuga Lake with wastewater; and

WHEREAS, all of Cayuga Salt Mine surface operations are located within the Town of Lansing, and more than half of Cayuga Salt Mine is located within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has declared itself the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and classified the proposed action as a Type I action, which typically requires a more thorough environmental review; and

WHEREAS, DEC nevertheless issued a Negative Declaration under SEQR relating to Cargill's application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed flooding of the S3 Zone with mining wastes raises questions about the mine's stability beneath Cayuga Lake that potentially jeopardize the safety and environmental integrity of Cayuga Lake; and

WHEREAS, various stakeholders, including environmental groups and local officials, have expressed concerns regarding the potential adverse impacts of Cargill's proposed activities, highlighting the need for a more comprehensive environmental impact statement (EIS) and public engagement, and

WHEREAS, the Lansing Conservation Advisory Council voted to approve this resolution and has recommended that the Lansing Town Board approve this resolution, and

WHEREAS, upon a review and discussion of the matter, the Town Board of the Town of Lansing has hereby

RESOLVED, that the Town of Lansing formally requests that the DEC:

1. Rescind the Negative Declaration and require the preparation of a comprehensive, public-accessible Environmental Impact Statement to assess all potential environmental risks associated with the proposed activities, and

2. Conduct a public hearing to allow for community input by residents and stakeholders on the Environmental Impact Statement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent – to ensure that the voices of the Town of Lansing’s residents are heard in this critical decision-making process – to:

[-Comment.CayugaSaltMine2023@dec.ny.gov](mailto:Comment.CayugaSaltMine2023@dec.ny.gov)

with copies to the following:

-OGS Commissioner Jeanette Moy (officeofthecommissioner@ogs.ny.gov)

-DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar (sean.mahar@dec.ny.gov)

-DEC Region 8 Administrator Tim Walsh (tim.walsh@dec.ny.gov)

-DEC Region 7 Administrator Dereth Glance (dereth.glance@dec.ny.gov)

-DEC Region 7 Asst. Permit Administrator Jonathan Stercho (Jonathan.stercho@dec.ny.gov)

-NYS Senator Lea Webb (leawebb@nysenate.gov)

-NYS Assemblyperson Anna Kelles (kellesa@nyassembly.gov)

-Shawn Wilczynski, Mine Manager, Cargill (Shawn_Wilczynski@cargill.com)

-Zoe Scopa, Senior Mine Engineer, Cargill (zoe_scopa@cargill.com)

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 Laurie Hemmings –

Councilperson Christine Montague –

Councilperson Joseph Wetmore –

Supervisor Ruth Groff –

Accordingly, the foregoing Resolution was approved, carried, and duly adopted on January 15, 2025.