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RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
REGARDING INDIAN POINT NUCLEAR PLANTS

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WHEREAS, the nuclear disaster at Fukushima has resulted in widespread dispersal of radioactive material in the air, land and water, and President Obama of the United States and Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner Jaczko have called for the evacuation of all Americans within a 50 mile radius of the stricken plants; and

WHEREAS, radiological contamination from Fukushima has extended 140 miles to Tokyo reservoirs, and the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants are situated within twenty miles of the New Croton and Kensico Reservoirs which supply large parts of New York City's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Emergency Evacuation Plans were thoroughly evaluated by former FEMA director and evacuation expert James Lee Witt and found to be inadequate to protect the public from radiological exposure; and that evacuation plan flaws and deficiencies remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the spent fuel rods at both Indian Point reactors are stored in warehouse-type buildings with commercially available steel roofs, have no independent electricity or cooling systems and are not constructed with the same containment capabilities and back-up systems used to protect the reactors; and

WHEREAS, new techniques and advances in seismology have disclosed additional information about the two fault lines near Indian Point and plant construction standards fall far below potential earthquake magnitude;

NOW, therefore, be it RESOLVED that in order to safeguard the health and safety of United States citizens, we the undersigned call for the emergency evacuation zone around Indian Point to be extended from 10 to 50 miles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the flaws and deficiencies identified in the James Lee Witt report be remedied; and be it further

RESOLVED, that full containment, as well as independent back-up electricity and cooling for the spent fuel pools be established and spent fuel rods be moved as quickly as possible into *hardened dry cask storage* which is more secure than the spent fuel pools, and be it further

RESOLVED, that new seismological data be taken into consideration and infrastructure upgraded accordingly for the continued operation of Indian Point, including its spent fuel storage facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be transmitted to Governor Andrew Cuomo of the State of New York; Commissioner Jerome M. Hauser, New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Planning; and to Commissioner Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dr. Allison MacFarlane

MUNICIPALITY or ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE RESOLUTION:

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Date of Approval: 9-24-12

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