APPROVAL/ RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REVIEW OF AIR EMISSIONS REGULATIONS BY THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AFFECTING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Putnam County has a principal responsibility to protect the health and safety of its residents, businesses and institutions; and
WHEREAS, residents of Putnam County have expressed serious concerns that emissions from natural gas infrastructure facilities, including compressor stations, may be harmful to their health and safety; and
WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that it intends to rewrite or revise oil and gas regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses, and institutions, strongly urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform a detailed study of the potential health effects of natural gas infrastructure emissions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DEC, in cooperation with the NYS Department of Health (DOH), should review the need for more stringent performance requirements, including but not limited to the regulated levels of criteria pollutants, to be adequately protective of public health, safety, and the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the DOH in cooperation with the DEC should evaluate the need for, and if necessary implement, a comprehensive, independent Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to study direct and indirect impacts from natural gas infrastructure components, emissions from operations, and a thorough analysis of the chemical emissions and radioactive contaminants, as well as their concentrations, persistence, and dispersion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrance Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Health.

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