

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 732 OF 2012

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Monroe, Bentley, Thomas, Girard, Sokol, Wood, Conover, Mason and Frasier

PROCLAIMING WARREN COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE AND END THE INFESTATION AND SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WATER BODIES THROUGHOUT WARREN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors has established an Invasive Species Sub-Committee to review, report and recommend to the Warren County Board of Supervisors the implementation of policies and programs to combat the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species including, but not limited to Asian Clams, Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Water milfoil in publicly accessible Warren County water bodies, and

WHEREAS, the rate of infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species in publicly accessible Warren County water bodies is increasing and it is feared that aquatic invasive species will ultimately become established in all publicly accessible water bodies in Warren County, and

WHEREAS, Warren County recognizes that it is far more practical and far less expensive to prevent the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species than it is to eradicate the aquatic invasive species after the aquatic invasive species colonize and become established, and

WHEREAS, Warren County's publicly accessible water bodies are the economical and cultural life blood of Warren County and the surrounding region, and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve Warren County's goal of bringing an end to the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species in publicly accessible water bodies in Warren County the support of Washington County, Essex County, the communities surrounding Lake George, the State of New York and the United States Government is critical, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors expresses a firm commitment to exert every possible effort to reduce and end the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species in publicly accessible water bodies throughout Warren County which effort shall include, if legally permissible and financially feasible, the implementation of a Warren County regulatory program for mandatory pre-launch boat inspections of all trailered boats for all publicly accessible water bodies in Warren County with mandatory decontamination of the boat and/or trailer if deemed necessary following the pre-launch

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inspection, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Attorney is hereby requested to conduct the necessary research and, thereafter, as appropriate, prepare draft local law language for a mandatory pre-launch boat inspection program described in the preambles of this resolution, and report his findings and recommendations to the Invasive Species Sub-Committee for review and deliberation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors requests that both Washington County and Essex County consider implementing mandatory pre-launch boat inspection programs to combat the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species in publicly accessible water bodies in those respective Counties and further requests that Washington County and Essex County express financial support to reduce and end the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby requests resolutions of support for a mandatory pre-launch boat inspection program to reduce and end the infestation and spread of the aquatic invasive species applicable to publicly accessible waters from the following communities: Town of Lake George; Village of Lake George; Town of Bolton; Town of Hague; Town of Queensbury; Town of Ticonderoga in Essex County and the Towns of Dresden, Putnam and Fort Ann in Washington County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby requests financial support to reduce and end the infestation and spread of aquatic invasive species in publicly accessible water bodies in Warren County from New York State and the United States Government, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to deliver copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Charles E. Schumer; Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand; Congressman William Owens; Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little; Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward; Washington County Board of Supervisors; Essex County Board of Supervisors; Town of Lake George; Village of Lake George; Town of Bolton; Town of Hague; Town of Queensbury; Town of Ticonderoga; Town of Dresden; Town of Putnam; Town of Fort Ann; Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks; Lake George Park Commission; The Fund for Lake George; Lake George Association; and New York State Association of Counties.