

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 461 OF 2012

Resolution introduced by Supervisors Dickinson and Conover

**ADOPTING WARREN COUNTY REGULATIONS PROHIBITING TRESPASSING
ON COUNTY PROPERTY ON, UNDERNEATH AND SURROUNDING
THE HADLEY-LUZERNE BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge connects the Town of Lake Luzerne in the County of Warren and the Town of Hadley in the County of Saratoga, and is jointly owned by the Counties of Warren and Saratoga, and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren owns lands adjoining and underneath the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge, and

WHEREAS, the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge and the surrounding property owned by the County of Warren have been the site of numerous unsafe and offensive activities engaged in by individuals, including jumping off the Bridge into the rock and boulder filled waters of the Hudson River; swimming in the rapid currents of the Hudson River; blocking and/or interfering with vehicular traffic on the Bridge, leaving piles of garbage, litter and debris underneath and around the Bridge, and defacing the walls underneath the Bridge with vulgar, offensive and unsightly graffiti, and

WHEREAS, the defacing of the walls of the Bridge with foul language and offensive symbols is harmful to the general public and violates the welfare of the residents of the County of Warren and the Town of Lake Luzerne, and

WHEREAS, the unabated proliferation of graffiti underneath the Bridge and the dumping of the garbage, litter and debris will cost Warren County taxpayers substantial monies to remove and clean up, and

WHEREAS, to access the areas underneath the Bridge where the graffiti is affixed, and garbage, litter and debris is left, individuals must climb down a rocky and dangerous slope, and

WHEREAS, to preserve and protect the public safety and welfare, the Warren County Board of Supervisors declares its intent to regulate activity on and around the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge, and

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WHEREAS, County Law §215(11) authorizes the Warren County Board of Supervisors by resolution, to adopt and enforce regulations governing the use of county-owned property, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Attorney is recommending that the Warren County Board of Supervisors adopt regulations prohibiting trespassing on the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge and the surrounding Warren County-owned property, and providing that a violation of any one or more of the provisions of Regulations shall each constitute an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days pursuant to the authority provided in County Law §215(11), and

WHEREAS, the adoption and implementation of the Regulations is not an action that requires review of potential environmental impacts under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted under County Law §215(11), the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Regulations attached hereto and made a part hereof entitled “Regulations of the County of Warren Prohibiting Trespassing on Warren County Property On, Underneath and Surrounding the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Regulations shall take effect immediately, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the attached Regulations shall be posted on Warren County’s website, at the Warren County Clerk’s Office, and at the Lake Luzerne Town Hall, and published in the official newspapers of Warren County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to immediately post appropriate “No Trespassing” signs on the County-owned lands on, underneath and surrounding the Hadley-Luzerne Bridge, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution and the Regulations to the New York State Police and the Warren County Sheriff's Office.

