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GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO
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SENATOR'S GILLIGRAND
SENATOR'S SCHUMER

City of Utica
Department of Legislation
In Common Council

Utica, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO BAN HYDROFRACKING IN
THE CITY OF UTICA WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, The process known as hydrofracking for the extraction of natural gas from Macellus shales has come to the attention of the nation as an alternative means for securing energy self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Hydrofracking involves the use of a high pressure water-and-chemicals mix injected potentially thousands of feet into the earth to break or fracture shale layers, thereby releasing the natural gas for harvesting by the hydrofracking companies; and

WHEREAS, Significant potential damages to water supplies can result from the practice of hydrofracking; and

WHEREAS, The State of New York has determined that hydrofracking may be undertaken in shale deposits in New York State, provided however that the practice may not be employed in the Catskill and Adirondack Parks and within the New York City and Syracuse watersheds, due to the potential of contamination of such watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The potential for contamination of significant municipal watersheds exists elsewhere in New York State and should be protected against through appropriate action on the state level; and

WHEREAS, Residents and municipal water users deserve to be protected against the potential pollution of their waters by the practice of hydrofracking and the potential for hydrofracking chemicals to enter into the waters that they consume.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City of Utica Common Council hereby petitions Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Assembly Person's Tenney; Butler, Brindisi; Senator's Griffo; Seward, Gillibrand, Schumer also Mohawk Valley Water Authority to forthrightly act to protect the City's water resources and supplies including the Hinckley Reservoir by prohibiting the use of hydrofracking or any similar technology for the purpose of extracting natural gas resources from the shale resources underlying the towns surrounding Hinckley Reservoir and any other sources in our watershed.

STATE OF NEW YORK, CITY OF UTICA }
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE } ss.

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution of the Common Council with the record of proceedings of the Common Council of said City of Utica, duly made and on file in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said resolution.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the Corporate Seal of said City, and subscribed my name, this 26th

SEPTEMBER 2011

Joanna Brenon
City Clerk.