

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 287-11

(URGING THE GOVERNOR TO WITHDRAW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
WITH RESPECT TO RULES REGULATING FRACKING)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously expressed its opposition to fracking as a method by which to increase gas production in New York State due to the unknown factors with respect to the chemicals used in the process and it's possible impact upon water supply; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has continued the process of proposing rules and regulations that would allow fracking within the State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has now issued a draft Environmental Impact Study with respect to fracking and the rules proposed to be promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the Town Board's belief that it is premature to consider fracking until full and complete scientific data is available with respect to the chemicals used in the process and their potential impact to the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby request that his Excellency, Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, direct the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation to withdraw the Draft Environmental Impact Study currently being circulated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby request that the Governor direct that a full and complete scientific study be had, or in the alternative, that a permanent ban on fracking within the borders of New York State be imposed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly and the appropriate Town State Representatives for their review and consideration.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT
JO-ANN DYCKMAN, TOWN CLERK

Adopted Nov. 15, 2011
At a Regular Meeting
Held at Town Hall