

TOWN OF Howard  
STEUBEN COUNTY, NEW YORK  
CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

The undersigned, being the Town Clerk of the above stated Town in Steuben County, NY, hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly made, seconded and adopted by the TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF Howard at a regular meeting held on the 11 day of June 2012.

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**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has dedicated nearly four years in creating a 900-page comprehensive plan for the safe development of natural gas using horizontal drilling and high volume hydrofracturing, and

**WHEREAS**, the State has issued a draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) under the leadership of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Commissioner Joe Martens as well as Governor Andrew Cuomo; and

**WHEREAS**, this SGEIS has developed standards to ensure safe development of our natural gas resources based on the expertise of DEC employees and advisors, and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Martens is quoted as saying that when the State begins to issue permits for horizontal drilling, those permits will be granted first in areas where the people are receptive to natural gas development, and

**WHEREAS**, this Town supports the work of the NYSDEC and the release of the final SGEIS,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Town Board, find pursuit of a ban or moratorium on natural gas exploration to be an unnecessary duplication of governmental action, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we support the state's leadership in developing a comprehensive statewide program to address the potential resource development holds for New York; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we have confidence the state will develop a program that allows development of our natural gas resources to proceed in a safe, responsible, and competitive manner.

Loreen A. Kura  
Town Clerk

Town of Howard

Dated June 11 2012

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