

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, New York to Kingston, New York through the expansion and establishment of additional new commercial anchorage grounds throughout the Hudson River Valley, pursuant to its proposed rule 2016-0132; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule would directly impact several Westchester communities and could have devastating economic and environmental impact on the entire county at a time when significant investments have been made to develop the Hudson River waterfront and provide greater economic vitality to the river communities as well as the entire region; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County over the last fifteen (15) years in cooperation with various municipal and community partners, has made significant investments to restore, increase access, and enhance the Hudson River shoreline through the River Walk project which provides public access to over 37 miles of contiguous shoreline from the county's New York City to Putnam County borders for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, this action will significantly impact Local Waterfront Revitalization Plans filed by numerous local governments with New York State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule will put at risk many billions of dollars of public and private investment in housing, commercial enterprises and supporting infrastructure that have transformed Hudson River waterfronts into multi-use developments suitable for the postindustrial era; and

WHEREAS, numerous additional impacts exist, including the potential harm to river bottom habitat, the harm to protected species, the adverse impact to property values, the placement of volatile cargos adjacent to populated areas, potential security risks, and the impact on Westchester's \$1.8 billion tourist industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule is a repudiation of several decades of environmental efforts to restore and revitalize the Hudson River, its habitats and the significant progress, investment and sacrifice made by all levels of government, non-government organizations and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, neither Westchester County nor any municipality within the County was formally notified of the proposed rule, as required by Federal Coastal Zone Management requirements, and

WHEREAS, for the reasons cited above, the people or the Town of Bedford would be adversely impacted by the proposed rule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Bedford strongly opposes the adoption of proposed United States Coast Guard Rule 2016-0132; and

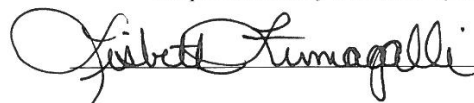
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Congressman Eliot Engel, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, County Executive Robert Astorino, and Westchester County Board of Legislators.

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER } ss.
TOWN OF BEDFORD }

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original on file in my office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford on October 4, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Town of Bedford.

Dated: October 5, 2016


Town Clerk,
Town of Bedford