RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S05197 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A06825 TO ESTABLISH NEW ANCHORAGE AREAS ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER BETWEEN YONKERS AND KINGSTON

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard is currently considering a proposal to establish new anchorage areas along the Hudson River between Yonkers and Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill is home to the Southern Waterfront Park and Trailway and Scenic Hudson Park at Peekskill Landing. These parks that have taken many years of planning and collaboration, money and energy to come to fruition, and now the integrity of such are threatened by the U.S. Coast Guard’s proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill has documented its concerns about the anchoring of petroleum-carrying tankers, including disrupting the economic vitality of the waterfront, endangering drinking water supplies, damaging fish habitat and detracting from scenic beauty and quality of life along the river (see Resolution J2 of October 17, 2016); and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly member Didi Barrett has introduced Assembly Bill A06825, which would enable New York State agencies to consider environmental impacts in designating “tanker-avoidance zones”; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Sue Serino has introduced the same measure in the Senate as Bill S05197; and

WHEREAS, this proposal would enable New York State to take a stronger role in controlling the placement of any anchorage areas for petroleum-carrying vessels, to ensure that the needs of the Hudson River and riverfront communities are protected;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the City of Peekskill Common Council expresses its support for Assembly Bill A06825 and Senate Bill S05197; and be it further

RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, copies of same will be sent to the following:

New York State Assembly:
• Assemblywoman Didi Barrett
  LOB 553
  Albany, NY 12248
  Fax: 518-455-5418

New York State Senate:
• Senator Sue Serino
  Legislative Office Building, Room 812
  Albany, NY 12247

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New York State Assembly:
- Local Assembly Representative
- Assemblywoman Sandy Galef
  LOB 641
  Albany, NY 12248
  Fax: 518-455-5418

New York State Senate:
- Local Senate Representative
- Senator Terrence Murphy
  Legislative Office Building, Room 817
  Albany, NY 12247
  Fax: 518-426-6977

Not-for-Profit organizations:

- The NYS Association of Towns, NYS Conference of Mayors, Association of Counties, or any other municipal associations to which your local government belongs

- Jeremy Cherson, Campaign Advocacy Coordinator
  Riverkeeper
  20 Secor Road
  Ossining, NY 10562
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- Rebecca De La Cruz, Advocacy Associate
  Scenic Hudson
  One Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor
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And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect immediately upon adoption

ADOPTED MAY 8, 2017