May 18, 2017

Hudson River Riverkeeper
President Paul Gallay
c/o Riverkeeper Inc.
20 Secor Road
Ossining, N.Y. 10562

Dear Mr. Gallay,

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution passed by the Village of South Nyack Board of Trustees registering its strong support for New York State Assembly Bill A06825 and New York Senate Bill S05197. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jill Schwarz
Village Clerk
ANCHORAGE RESOLUTION: Mayor Christian moved as follows:

Village of South Nyack Resolution in Support of New York State Legislation for Tanker-Avoidance Zones

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

WHEREAS, the Village of South Nyack is a quiet residential riverside community in this proposed stretch of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the value of property in the Village of South Nyack, as with other river municipalities, relates directly to the views, health and welfare of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the anchoring of petroleum-bearing vessels potentially carrying large amounts of fuel is a health, safety and welfare matter with the possibilities of spillage, homeland security issues and aesthetic concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Nyack lacks the marine resources to adequately patrol and protect our waterfront from the additional threats to our health, safety and welfare caused by the U.S. Coast Guard’s proposed anchorage grounds; and

WHEREAS, anchors used by commercial vessels disturb bottom sediments and can damage wildlife habitats, including those of endangered species residing in the river; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution #48 of 2016, the Village of South Nyack documented its concerns about the anchoring of petroleum-bearing vessels, including possible damage to ecological habitats and detraction from scenic beauty and quality of life along the river; and

WHEREAS, Pending New York State Assembly Bill A06825 would enable New York State agencies to consider environmental impacts in designating “tanker-avoidance zones”; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate has introduced the same measure as 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-bearing vessels, to ensure that the needs of the Hudson River and riverfront communities are protected;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of South Nyack expresses its strong support for New York State Assembly Bill A06825 and New York State Senate Bill S05197, which would enable New York State agencies to consider environmental impacts in designating "tanker-avoidance zones;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be distributed to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, New York State Senator Sue Serino, New York State Senator David Carlucci, New York State Senator William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, New York State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, New York State Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski, New York State Assemblyman Karl A. Brabenec, the New York State Conference of Mayors, the Executive Director of Scenic Hudson, the Executive Director of Riverkeeper, and any other officials and organizations that the South Nyack Village Clerk, Mayor, or its Trustees deem appropriate.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and unanimously adopted as amended.

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STATE OF NEW YORK

SS:

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND

I, Jill Schwarz, Village Clerk of the Village of South Nyack, New York, do hereby CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original now on file in this office and the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

In Witness Wheresof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Village of South Nyack this 18th day of May, 2017.

(SEAL)

Jill Schwarz, Village Clerk
Village of South Nyack, New York