

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING OF THE ENHANCED MONITORING STUDY OF THE WALLKILL RIVER

WHEREAS, the Wallkill River flows through the Village & Town of New Paltz, and

WHEREAS, the river is a vital and active source of recreation and habitat, and

WHEREAS, ongoing testing by independent scientists has established credible data that indicates that the Wallkill River has elevated levels of bacteria on an ongoing basis, and

WHEREAS, a 2016 Harmful Algae Bloom occurred and persisted in the Wallkill River for over 30 miles and more than eight continuous weeks, and

WHEREAS, the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance (WRWA) is a respected and credible volunteer organization which promotes a return to health of the Wallkill River, and

WHEREAS, the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance has called on representatives of the New York State Legislature to fund a major study of the Wallkill River: the Department of Environmental Conservation’s proposed "Enhanced Monitoring Study" of the Wallkill River for the current year's budget,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of New Paltz supports the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance and adds its voice to those requesting funding for the DEC’s proposed Enhanced Monitoring Study of the Wallkill River.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to Senator John J. Bonacic, Assembly Member Kevin A. Cahill, Senate Temporary President and Majority Leader John J. Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Motion made at a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, February 16, 2017 by _____ and seconded by _____.

VOTING MEMBERS:

Council Member Irwin _____

Council Member Logan _____

Council Member Torres _____

Council Member Seyfert-Lillis _____

Supervisor Bettez _____

Town Seal

Rosanna Mazzaccari – Town Clerk