

RESOLUTION ENDORSING A PLAN TO REGULATE THE OUTFLOWS OF LAKE ONTARIO AND THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LEVELS OF LAKE ONTARIO AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER.

WHEREAS, the International Joint Commission (IJC) is a bi-national organization established by the Boundary Waters treaty of 1909 between the United States and Canada; and,

WHEREAS, the IJC has commissioned a \$20 million, five-year study to analyze the procedures and plans to regulate the outflows of Lake Ontario and the Management of the levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River (LOSL Study); and,

WHEREAS, the LOSL study has been completed and new regulation plans are being considered which will each have a significant impact on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River water levels for years to come; and,

WHEREAS, Massena's water resources are unquestionably one of its most important assets and provide the basis for the Town's very existence and its tourism industry and quality of life depends on the continued quality of the area's fishing, boating, and recreational resource; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Massena Town Board has concluded that Plan B most closely follows the natural rhythm of the pre-St. Lawrence Seaway Project and offers the most positive influence on the overall environment when compared to other plans under consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Massena, Town Board hereby endorses Plan B and urges the International Joint /Commission to accept Plan B when deciding procedures and plans to regulate water levels of the St. Lawrence River.

Resolution adopted on 7/27/05.

**TOWN OF MASSENA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR**

MASSENA, NEW YORK

July 27, 2005

**Mr. Dennis L. Schornack, Chair
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd St. NY Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440
Fax (202) 467-0746**

Dear Mr. Schornack,

This letter is being sent to you stating that the Town of Massena passed a resolution on 7/27/05, totally supporting Plan B of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study (LOSL). Please see our resolution in full text. We respectfully ask for your support in urging the Joint Commission to accept Plan B when their make their final decisions. Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

**Sanford T. Cook
Town Supervisor**