**Resolution No. 020-46 Imperial Dam on the Saranac River**

**WHEREAS,** the ImperialDam is located on the Saranac River in Plattsburgh, New York and is a Class “C” High Hazard dam, it failure may result in serious damage to residences and infrastructure such as the loss of human life, and or/ widespread economic loss is likely**;** and

**WHEREAS,** Imperial Dam has a long history of serious uncorrected safety and habitat deficiencies**;** and

**WHEREAS,** the impoundment allows thick ice to develop, which exacerbates ice jams downstream-most notably the recent Underwood Mobile Home flooding which cost NYS taxpayers 7 million dollars**;** and

**WHEREAS,** the impounded water behind the dam is not being used to produce electricity or for industrial use**;** and

**WHEREAS**, passage would be improved by the removal and restoration of the Saranac Rive to geomorphic conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** the restored Saranac River would be an economic and recreational benefit to both the City and Town of Plattsburgh, and neighboring Towns such as Schuyler Falls; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Town of Plattsburgh supports the removal of the Imperial Dam and the full restoration of the Saranac River to reduce any threats to the City of Plattsburgh, improve the recreational benefits to nearby communities, and allow full access of native Atlantic Salmon to historic native spawning waters.

**Motion:**

**Seconded by:**

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call** **Yes** **No** **Absent** **Carried Tabled**

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