

Legislator Sullivan moved for the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck.

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 196–15 *RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT, TIOGA COUNTY
IN SUPPORT OF SNYDER FARM GROUP NATURAL GAS WELL DEVELOPMENT*

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WHEREAS: The Snyder Farm Group has applied for state permits to develop a natural gas well in the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has a vital interest in protecting the community's health, safety and welfare, as well as its undeveloped open space and the family farms that are the backbone of its economy; and

WHEREAS: The Snyder Farm Group's proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas beneath their property is outside the scope of New York State's ban on high-volume hydraulic fracturing that became effective on June 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS: The proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas is proven, safe and reliable; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas exploration, development and delivery are compatible with and not disruptive to our rural way of life; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature strongly believes in and supports the rights of private property owners to explore and recover the mineral resources of their land; and

WHEREAS: The Snyder Farm Group controls 100 percent of the land beneath which the natural gas would be harvested; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has referred to the proposed means of stimulating and recovering the natural gas as "environmentally friendly"; and

WHEREAS: Natural gas development strengthens America's energy security and provides a clean alternative to sources of energy; and

WHEREAS: Respect for the will of the people, as expressed through their local elected representatives, is a cornerstone of our democracy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature strongly endorses and supports the Snyder Farm Group's proposal to explore and develop the mineral resources under their private property; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct a thorough but timely review of the Snyder Farm Group's proposal that examines factual evidence, science and technology; and be it further

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RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to United States Senator Charles Schumer, United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Tom Reed, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Tom O'Mara, and Assemblyman Christopher Friend.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yes – Legislators Hollenbeck, Monell, Sauerbrey, Sullivan, Weston, and Case.

No – None.

Abstain – Legislator Huttleston.

Absent – Legislators Roberts and Standinger.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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