**TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA**

**RESOLUTION**

**Authorization to Apply for Funding from the Chautauqua County 2024 Occupancy Tax Grant Program for Lakes and Waterways for the Town of Chautauqua Starry Stonewort Control Project**

WHEREAS, Chautauqua Lake is an invaluable asset to Chautauqua County and the municipalities that border it including the Town of Chautauqua, but has been designated as an impaired water body and its health and usability are threatened; and

 WHEREAS, the Town and Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance are partnering to complete an invasive species control project to address the infestation of invasive macroalgae starry stonewort near Prendergast Point in the Town that will have a positive impact on the environmental health of Chautauqua Lake along with its tourism and recreation industry; and

 WHEREAS, the Town has secured the maximum amount of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant funds available to help perform the work, but funding gaps are projected to remain based on the scale of the problem and uncertainty surrounding the growth and spread of this invasive algae; and

 WHEREAS, the Chautauqua County 2024 Occupancy Tax Grant Program for Lakes and Waterways offers a funding opportunity for the Project with no local match requirement and a maximum grant amount of $50,000.00, and as a Member of the Alliance, the Town is entitled to lake and watershed-related grant application preparation services at no additional cost to the Town; therefore be it

 RESOLVED, that the Town of Chautauqua Board authorizes a grant submission to the Chautauqua County 2024 Occupancy Tax Grant Program for Lakes and Waterways for the Town of Chautauqua Starry Stonewort Control Project, and if the grant application is successful, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the grant contract, submit project documentation, and act in all matters related to Project and County funding assistance.

**Dated: February 14, 2024**

**Motion:** Councilman, Thomas Carlson

**Second:** Councilman, Scott Cummings

**Vote:** Aye Nay Abstained Recused

Supervisor, Donald Emhardt \_X\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

Councilman, Scott Cummings \_X\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

Councilman, Thomas Carlson \_X\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

Councilman, Kenneth Burnett \_X\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_

Councilman, Al Akin \_X\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_