

BOROUGH OF WANAQUE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #52-0-15

RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED PIPELINE THROUGH THE DESIGNATED
HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings LLC is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum materials to and from Albany, New York, and refineries in Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York, to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey, and the other pipeline will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of such pipeline within the Borough of Wanaque is located within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area and such proposed pipeline is also located less than one-quarter mile upstream from Wanaque's municipal water supply wells and less than one-half mile upstream from the Wanaque Reservoir, the largest water supply reservoir in the State of New Jersey holding 30 billion gallons of water to supply over 1 million residents of northern New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a breach in this pipeline could cause serious environmental problems to the residents of the Borough of Wanaque, the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey by polluting the water supply system; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 petroleum pipeline incidents have occurred in the United States since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the worst and most expensive oil spill in U.S. history came from a pipeline failure, in July 2010 near a tributary of Michigan's Kalamazoo River; with clean-up costs at almost one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) with this spill devastating sensitive ecosystems and impacting people who live in nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, a petroleum pipeline spill in Montana on January 17, 2015 dumped over 50,000 gallons of crude oil into the Yellowstone River in just one hour with an oil slick extending almost 60 miles downstream; and

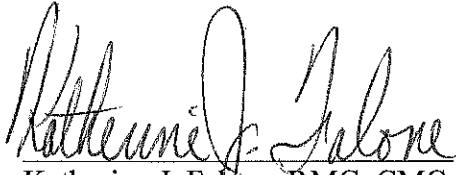
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque has determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to our citizens, but instead would cause an adverse effect to the region and to the citizens of the Borough of Wanaque, the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey;

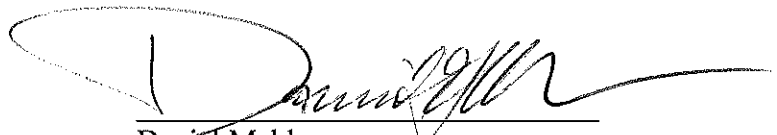
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby strongly opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project because of the potential degradation of Wanaque's and New Jersey's drinking water supply and the potential safety to our region and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal and surveying; requests a full environmental review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor's Office, Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State Legislature and the State Land Conservancy Commission; League of Municipalities and the contiguous municipalities.

Adopted: February 9, 2015


Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk


Daniel Mahler
Mayor