

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2015 – 144 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY OPPOSING A PROPOSED PIPELINE THROUGH THE DESIGNATED HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION AREA 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 is located within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area and such proposed pipeline is also located 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 one million residents of northern New Jersey; and

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford, which is a municipality that serves as a steward to watershed lands, has concluded that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to our citizens, but instead could cause adverse effects to the region and to the citizens of the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area, the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford hereby opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project because of the potential degradation of New Jersey's drinking water supply and the potential safety to our region and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of West Milford calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal and surveying prior to the completion of a full independent environmental review and impact analysis of the pipeline transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor's Office, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Assemblyman Jay Webber, Assemblywoman Betty Lou DeCroce, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State Legislature, the State Land Conservancy Commission, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the sixteen municipalities in Passaic County.

Adopted: April 22, 2015

Adopted this 22nd day of April 2015
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk