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**RESOLUTION NO. 149**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION SEEKING BENEFITS FROM THE PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL PIPELINE  
WATERSHED AFFAIRS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Williams Pipeline Company is seeking approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to build the Constitutional Pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed route that passes primarily through Delaware County would involve eight towns in Delaware County; and

**WHEREAS**, permit authority to build the pipeline resides with the FERC; and

**WHEREAS**, those communities and its residents where the pipeline crosses, should realize host benefits from the pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefits of low cost natural gas would enable county businesses to be more competitive with regions that currently have access to natural gas inside and outside the County to keep their energy costs lower, which in turn would help retain jobs, create more jobs and provide more job security while strengthening the tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware County has the second fastest aging population in New York State and a median house hold income equal to 60% of the state's median household income; and

**WHEREAS**, residents, municipalities and institutions (i.e. schools) that could access natural gas would save thousands of dollars per year in energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of dollars in tax revenue from the pipeline would help offset increasing state and federal mandates that drive up real property taxes for county residents hence providing much needed financial relief.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors supports access to the proposed Constitution Pipeline to establish distributions lines for the benefit of businesses, residents and communities and supports efforts to assure host town benefits through grants or other funding mechanisms to offset the impacts on their communities to assure local infrastructure, public health and safety are protected; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors, supports the use of safe and clean energy sources that have less impact on the environment which includes natural gas and therefore would support the proposed Constitution Pipeline location involving the eight affected towns, providing the County, affected landowners, and community needs are addressed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, should FERC grant the Williams Pipeline Company permission to construct the pipeline, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to seek those benefits on its behalf; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to FERC and all elected state and federal representatives of Delaware County.