



TOWN OF HENDERSON, NY RESOLUTION  
OPPOSING INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION PLAN 2014 AND  
RECOMMENDING REVOKING AND REWORKING PLAN TO REDUCE LIKLIHOOD OF FLOODING

**Whereas** Lake Ontario is an important regional, national and international resource; and

**Whereas** Henderson Harbor, Henderson Bay and Lake Ontario are vital economic and recreational resources for the Town of Henderson and Jefferson County; and

**Whereas** the International Joint Commission developed and enacted a new plan to manage water levels and flows in Lake Ontario known as Plan 2014; and

**Whereas**, upon adoption and implementation of this plan in 2017, Lake Ontario experienced historic highwater levels and flooding in 2017 and then experienced higher water levels and worse flooding in 2019; and

**Whereas** the Lake Ontario floods of 2017 and 2019 inflicted serious and substantial damage to waterfront businesses and homes along the shoreline of the Town of Henderson, resulting in businesses closing and homes being abandoned; and

**Whereas** damages are still being inflicted on the lakefront businesses and homes in amounts well into the millions of dollars; and

**Whereas** recreational and tourism revenue, which are essential to the economic well-being of the Town of Henderson, are being severely impacted by the high Lake Ontario levels; and

**Whereas** it is likely that flooding will continue to inflict devastating damages to homes and businesses in the Town of Henderson in future years if Plan 2014 is left intact and unmodified;

Now, therefore, **be it resolved** that the Town of Henderson calls for the immediate suspension of Plan 2014 and that the assumptions, scientific concepts and theories on which Plan 2014 is based be re-examined as being flawed and poorly conceived and modified in a manner to protect the Lake Ontario shoreline from future devastating flood levels and, until such time as a new or modified water level plan is developed, that Plan 1958DD be reinstated;

Be it **further resolved** that the Town of Henderson urges the Jefferson County, State of New York and United States elected officials representing the Town of Henderson advocate for the suspension and modification of Plan 2014.

Resolution adopted July 10, 2019

Henderson Town Board