



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK

Mayor Scott T. Johnson
Commissioner Michele Madigan
Commissioner Anthony Scirocco
Commissioner Christian Mathiesen
Commissioner John P. Franck

WHEREAS, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) is establishing a comprehensive development plan to preserve, restore, and enhance the approximately 330 acre historic Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York (hereinafter “the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan”), and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan is expected to include the construction of new buildings, parking areas, pedestrian facilities, horse paths, planted areas and the renovation of existing buildings and facilities, and the removal of certain other structures over the course of approximately ten years, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Franchise Oversight Board intends to declare itself lead agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review of the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law section 212(6) established the Saratoga Community Advisory Board for the Saratoga Race Course to act as a local resource to the New York State Franchise Oversight Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that as an involved agency pursuant to SEQRA, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs does hereby consent to the New York State Franchise Oversight Board acting as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA regarding the review of the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as an involved agency, the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs intends to participate in the SEQRA review of the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan and anticipates strong public interest in the process given the importance of the Saratoga Race Course to the economy, culture, and vibrancy of the City of Saratoga Springs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Saratoga Springs recommends that it and the Saratoga Community Advisory Board for the Saratoga Race Course be active participants in the SEQRA review of the Saratoga Racecourse Development Plan.

Ayes: ___Nays: ___

Dated: *June 11, 2013*