

DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION
of the
ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

January 4, 2006

Number 06-01-03

**SUPPORTING THE GRASSE RIVER HYDROPOWER PROJECT
(TOWN OF MASSENA)**

WHEREAS, the Massena Electric Department (MED) has proposed a multipurpose small hydroelectric power dam to be built on the Grasse River in the Village of Massena, and

WHEREAS, the non-polluting energy that this project will produce would supply MED with an estimated 5% of its energy needs, reducing the need to purchase an equivalent amount of power on the open market and thereby reducing power costs to its customers, and

WHEREAS, the project represents energy independence, consistent with State and national initiatives for “green” energy and the reduction of dependent upon fossil fuel-based generation, and

WHEREAS, the project provides the potential for economic development by beautifying the waterfront of the Grasse River in the heart of downtown Massena and increasing recreational opportunities on a significant stretch of the river, and

WHEREAS, the project would also assist Alcoa, Inc., St. Lawrence County’s largest employer, with ice control on the Grasse River, and

WHEREAS, MED fully realizes that many State, Federal, and non-governmental interest groups also have a stake in the future integrity of the Grasse River and has indicated it will address all legitimate concerns, and

WHEREAS, the purposes of this project are consistent with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency’s goals for economic development within the County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency supports Massena Electric Department in its efforts to design and build the Grasse River Hydro Project.

Move:	<u>Mr. LaBaff</u>
Second:	<u>Mr. Gray</u>
Aye:	<u>6</u>
Nay:	<u>0</u>
Abstain:	<u>0</u>

I, Natalie A. Haggart, Administrative Assistant for the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared this copy of Resolution No. 06-01-03 adopted January 4, 2006, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

/s/
Natalie A. Haggart
January 4, 2006