

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 Resolution No. 11-04-17
 April 28, 2011

**SUPPORTING THE OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY'S EFFORTS
 TO SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE
 OGDENSBURG-PRESCOTT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Bridge & Port Authority is presently implementing a \$22 million rehabilitation project of the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge that is scheduled for completion in 2011, and

WHEREAS, whereas this project only addresses the rehabilitation of the center span of the bridge, and there is still an unmet need for \$95 million in assistance to complete the restoration of this 1.4-mile-long structure that links the U.S. and Canada, and

WHEREAS, the bridge is nearing the end of its useful life and this rehabilitation project is critical to ensure the long term life of this important transportation structure, and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge is an international conduit for the annual movement of an estimated \$3 billion in goods between the United States and Canada, and this commercial and passenger traffic is vital to New York State and its residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, this international crossing is also critical to ongoing economic development efforts in Northern New York State as it provides an essential linkage to Canadian investment and job creation in a region that suffers from one of the highest unemployment and lowest per capita incomes in all of New York State, and

WHEREAS, a \$95 million project would also create 741 construction jobs in the region over the 3-year life of the project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency urges all of the regional elected representatives to support and seek funding for the continued rehabilitation of the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge to facilitate direct and indirect investment and job creation in Northern New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to NYS Governor Cuomo, US Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congressman Owens, NY Senators Ritchie and Griffo, and NYS Members of Assembly Russell and Blankenbush.

Move:	Blevins			
Second:	Peck			
VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins	X			
Hall	X			
LaBaff	X			
McMahon	X			
Peck	X			
Staples	X			
Weekes	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of this Resolution with the original record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Natalie Sweatland

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