

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_ - OF 2020**

**DECLARATION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DRYDEN AS LEAD AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED VARNA ZONING AMENDMENTS**

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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Dryden ("Town Board") is in the process of reviewing zoning amendments regarding the Hamlet of Varna, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQRA") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations"), all discretionary actions by the Town are subject to environmental review in accordance with SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and its regulations require that a Lead Agency be established for conducting environmental review of all discretionary actions in accordance with local and state environmental law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to comply with the SEQRA Act and its Regulations with respect to the proposed zoning amendments, and

WHEREAS, SEQRA and its accompanying regulations specifies that for actions governed by local environmental review, the Lead Agency shall be that local agency which has primary responsibility for approving and carrying out the action; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these zoning amendments is a legislative action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DRYDEN, NEW YORK that as the local agency with primary responsibility for approving this legislative action, it hereby declares itself Lead Agency for purposes of conducting the environmental review required by SEQRA and its accompanying regulations.