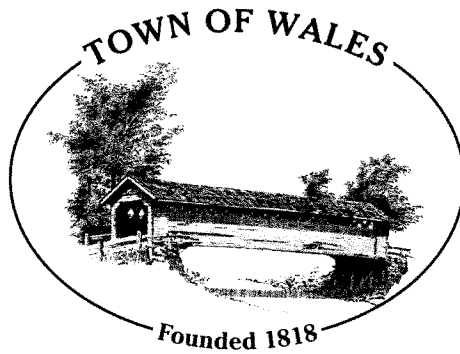




**TOWN OF WALES
COUNTY OF ERIE, STATE OF NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING COUNTY-WIDE REGIONAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Town of Wales recognizes the importance of responsible planning and land-use decisions that preserve the Town's rural character and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that local land-use, zoning, and development decisions are best made by the municipality and its elected and appointed boards, which are directly accountable to the residents of Wales; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been made aware of a proposal to establish a county-wide or regional planning board that could affect local land-use authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wales believes that each municipality has unique characteristics, needs, and community priorities that are best addressed through local planning and decision-making;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Wales hereby opposes the creation of any county-wide or regional planning authority that would supersede, diminish, or interfere with the Town's authority over local land-use, zoning, planning, and development decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board reaffirms its support for local control of land-use and zoning decisions and requests that any future proposal affecting municipal land-use authority be subject to full transparency, municipal review, and public participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be provided to the Erie County Executive, members of the Erie County Legislature, and other appropriate officials.

DULY ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Wales, Erie County, New York,