

Right to Decide Resolution

On the petition of Barbara Perry and the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Epping, New Hampshire, request that the following and fully attached article be placed on the 2019 Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote the following:

“Shall the Town of Epping adopt the *Right to Decide Resolution* recognizing the people’s right to Local Community Self-Government in an effort to protect the rights, health, safety, and welfare of all residents and ecosystems of Epping, New Hampshire, which includes but is not limited to, authority to determine whether a Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facility be permitted within the Town of Epping, and call for state constitutional change to further secure this right?”

By affixing my signature below, I attest that a full copy of the above described Right to Decide Resolution was made available to me to read before signing this petition.

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WHEREAS, we the people of the Town of Epping, New Hampshire, recognize our inherent and inalienable Right to Local Community Self-Government in an effort to protect the rights, health, safety, and welfare of all residents and ecosystems of Epping, New Hampshire, which includes but is not limited to, authority to determine whether a Liquified Natural Gas Storage Facility be permitted within the Town of Epping, and call for state constitutional change to further secure this right.

WHEREAS, the Right to Local Community Self-Government includes the people's authority to use prohibitions and other means to elevate the rights of people, their communities, and ecosystems free from preemption, competing rights, powers, or duties of corporations and other business entities.

WHEREAS, our right to local community self-government is premised on our New Hampshire Constitution, Part First, Bill of Rights, which provides in part that *all men have certain natural, essential and inherent rights... (Article 2.);...all government of right originates with the people [and] is founded in consent... (Article 1.); all power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all magistrates and officers of government are...at all times accountable to them (Article 8.); and government being instituted for the common benefit...and not for...private interest..., whenever the ends of government are perverted...the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government... (Article 10.).*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the residents of the Town of Epping determine that a Liquified Natural Gas Storage Facility should not be located in Epping without a vote of approval by a 2/3 vote of the entire governing body of the Town; **and**

We call on the General Court [Legislature] and Governor of the State of New Hampshire to place and support a state constitutional amendment on the biennial ballot to expressly secure the people's inherent and inalienable Right to Local Community Self-Government; **and**

Within 30 days of its adoption, this resolution shall be transmitted by written notice from the Town of Epping, New Hampshire, to the General Court [Legislature] and Governor of New Hampshire informing them of these instructions from their constituents.