

**RESOLUTION 150 OF 2024**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,  
NY TO ADOPT A MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION CALLING ON FEDERAL  
REPRESENTATIVES TO SPONSOR, CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT  
RESOLUTION S.2385 CALLING FOR FUNDING FOR CLEAN AND SAFE  
DRINKING WATER, AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS FOR FEDERALLY  
RECOGNIZED TRIBES AND ITS MEMBERS**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman Hirsch, Pasti,  
Tierney, Mickens,

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston denounces the racial inequality and injustice historically perpetrated against all Native Americans/Indigenous Peoples; and

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**WHEREAS**, many Native Americans on these reservations rely on a bottled water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, tribes are unable to afford the necessary infrastructure to bring clean and safe drinking water to the reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, limited staff resources make it difficult to navigate the complex funding process; and

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**WHEREAS**, 28.4% on reservations live in poverty compared with 12.7% nationally (US Census); and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Common Council of the City of Kingston calls upon our elected officials in Washington to sponsor and support resolutions calling for increased federal funding to be directed to Native Americans for infrastructure that will bring clean water and sanitation services to all reservations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Joe Biden, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Representative Patrick Ryan as the City of Kingston's federally elected officials and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary.

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Submitted to the Mayor this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2024



Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 2024



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on September 10, 2024

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES  
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/21/24

Description:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Motion by MT

Seconded by SP

Action Required: \_\_\_\_\_

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_

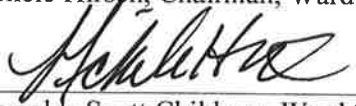

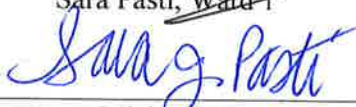
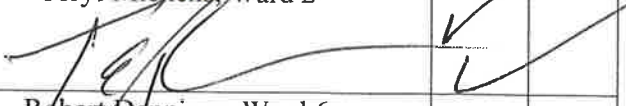
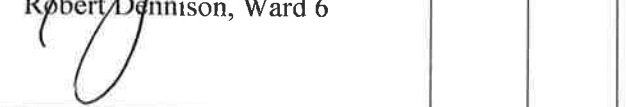
Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9 	✓	
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3 	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2 	✓	
Robert Dennison, Ward 6 		

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