

Resolution in Support of Fort Drum as a Candidate Site for the Department of Defense's Advanced Nuclear Microreactor Initiative and Collaboration with NYSERDA and NYPA

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DoD), through the Defense Innovation Unit and the U.S. Army, has launched the Advanced Nuclear Power for Installations (ANPI) initiative to enhance energy resilience and mission readiness at military installations; and

WHEREAS, microreactor technology offers scalable, emission free dispatchable, and resilient power generation with reduced reliance on fossil fuels, supporting critical infrastructure and defense operations in all conditions; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum, located in Jefferson County, serves as a key power projection platform for the U.S. Army and has been identified by Army assessments and federal leadership as a strong candidate for deployment of advanced nuclear technology; and

WHEREAS, Fort Drum possesses unique infrastructure advantages, operational control of its utilities, and a skilled workforce capable of supporting such technology, and enjoys longstanding public, state, and federal support for energy security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Town of LeRay recognizes the significant economic and strategic benefits of this initiative, including job creation, long-term workforce development, and enhanced regional energy security; and

WHEREAS, New York Governor has directed New York Power Authority (NYPA) to develop at least 1GW of new nuclear power and tasked New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) with the production of a Master Plan for Responsible Advanced Nuclear Development in New York State as part of its clean energy strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of LeRay fully supports Fort Drum as a host site for the Department of Defense's microreactor program under the ANPI initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town of LeRay formally expresses its willingness to collaborate with NYSERDA, NYPA, and federal partners in evaluating and supporting the deployment of advanced nuclear energy technologies within the County.