

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Lynn H. Hait has been the quintessential example of professionalism, dedication and visionary leadership in his more than three decades of distinguished service to the New York Power Authority and the State of New York; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait's commitment to the highest standards of excellence has left an indelible imprint on the operation of the Blenheim-Gilboa Pumped Storage Power Project from his single-minded adherence to continuous improvement and innovation, for the highest performance standards at the hydroelectric facility; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait has played a historic role in the decades-long operation of Blenheim-Gilboa and oversaw the comprehensive integration of high-tech measures as a result of a \$135 million Life Extension and Modernization Program, thus ensuring the plant's readiness to meet the challenges of the 21st century electric industry; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait, beginning his career in Blenheim-Gilboa's maintenance department in 1976, and steadily rising through the ranks to electrician, project superintendent and finally as NYPA's regional manager for Central New York in 2008, has been consistently recognized for his unparalleled management and vision; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait is an inspiration to all NYPA employees and proof positive that through exceptional hard work and a dedication to excellence, the American Dream is still achievable; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait's leadership during Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011, along with the heroic, unstinting efforts of other B-G employees, were instrumental in avoiding catastrophic damage to the earthen dam of the pumped-storage project; and

Whereas, Possessing extraordinary personal courage and stalwart stewardship of NYPA's resources, Mr. Hait worked tirelessly throughout the storm to ensure the safety of B-G employees and the state's critical electric infrastructure, including the Vischer Ferry small-hydro plant; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait served brilliantly as the ranking B-G Operations employee during the storm and its aftermath, providing clear and calm direction to staff and ongoing communication and reassurance to the community; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait has contributed invaluable service for NYPA's efforts toward B-G's federal relicensing in 2019 as part of a process for identifying issues for further analysis and receiving input from area communities; and

Whereas, as a trusted advisor and inspiring mentor, Mr. Hait has selflessly imparted his deep institutional knowledge of electric operations and unique experience in the energy industry to NYPA's employees, actively seeking to develop the next generation utility workforce to carry on his distinguished work at B-G; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait has received numerous awards and commendations from professional organizations and his community, and has been honored for his Excellence in Public Service by the State Academy for Public Administration; and

Whereas, Mr. Hait is universally held in the highest esteem and will be forever known as a man of integrity, intelligence, humor, and personal and professional generosity, a tireless advocate for his neighbors, and a beacon of fairness in execution of his responsibility as justice for the Town of Jefferson in Schoharie County;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Trustees of the Power Authority of the State of New York convey their deepest gratitude, respect and appreciation to Lynn H. Hait for his service to NYPA and the people of the state and that they wish him, Theresa, his wife of 30 years, and their five children, a happy, healthy and rewarding future.



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