



City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn provides clean, safe drinking water for nearly 45,000 residents located in the City of Auburn and Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the source of the Town of Owasco and City of Auburn's drinking water supply is Owasco Lake, a Class AA(T) designated and protected water body; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Owasco Lake has experienced widespread harmful algae blooms, manifested by features that promote the growth of Cyanobacteria; and

WHEREAS, harmful algae blooms threaten lake water quality and the health and safety of water consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council is advancing pollutant reduction strategies by promoting land and water conservation practices within the Owasco Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the Lake Friendly Living awareness initiative is a pledge program that has secured commitments from Owasco Lake watershed municipalities, businesses, and residents towards improved conservation and the advancement of best management practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn commends the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council's advancement of the Lake Friendly Living pledge program and messaging that align with Finger Lakes regional messaging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn owns ~450 acres of land in the Owasco Flats within the greater Owasco Lake Watershed, acquired with the expressed purpose of preservation of those lands for resources protection and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, according to Resolution #102 of 2020, the City of Auburn took the Lake Friendly Living pledge in solidarity with Owasco Lake watershed municipalities, residents, and businesses, thereby demonstrating the City's commitment to lake and watershed stewardship; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be

LAKE FRIENDLY LIVING AWARENESS

and will revisit this proclamation on an annual basis.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Ninth day of May 2024.


James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor
City of Auburn, New York