



**RESOLUTION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the
VILLAGE OF WATKINS GLEN
APRIL 6, 2021**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Watkins Glen, New York, held on April 6, 2021, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE EXPANSION
OF GREENIDGE GENERATION LLC IN THE TOWN OF TORREY
BECAUSE OF REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND
POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO THE AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM
ECONOMY.**

WHEREAS, Greenidge Generation, LLC has DEC permits that allow it to emit up to 650,000 tons of greenhouse gases per year affecting air quality in the region; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge Generation was restarted and converted to natural gas in 2017 for use as a “peaker plant”- to be used during periods of high demand when excess energy was needed by the grid; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Greenidge Generation received approval to operate a “data center” using excess electrical capacity; and

WHEREAS, Greenidge Generation is permitted to withdraw 139 million gallons per day from Seneca Lake, to operate without screens on the intakes and to discharge 132 million gallons of water at temperatures of up to 108 degrees F. The temperature limits for trout streams, like the Keuka Outlet, is 70 degrees F. This stresses and kills trout and other cold-water fish; and

WHEREAS, the hot water discharge into the Keuka Outlet will increase the incidences of HABS in this portion of Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the system is not using protective measures to prevent fish, eggs, and other aquatic life from being killed at their water intake location; and

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes economy is based on agri-tourism and the acceleration of the deterioration of Seneca Lake as a recreational destination will adversely impact the Village of Watkins Glen economy and many other lakeside communities; and

WHEREAS, there is no public benefit for this project in that it is not necessary for the electric grid, it has created few new jobs, and it pays comparatively small taxes compared to the environmental remediation investment needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Watkins Glen is supportive of a moratorium on the expansion of the data mining facility to consider the impact on the future of Seneca Lake for its residents and visitors and the economic and health benefits that it provides to the Region, and