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PRESS STATEMENT

From the Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Inc., the Town of Ellery, the Village of Bemus Point, and SOLitude Lake Management

For Release on Thursday, July 13, 2017

“Chautauqua Lake, A Great Lake Seeking a Greater Future”

The Town of Ellery (Town) and Village of Bemus Point (Village), under the regulatory authority and oversight of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and with the support of the Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Inc. (CLP), a non-profit corporation formed in 2002, contracted with SOLitude Lake Management to perform a Data Collection Project assessing the efficacy of herbicide-based weed management on Bemus Bay.

Water use restrictions were put in place starting on June 26, 2017 – the date of the herbicide application. These water use restrictions were consistent with herbicide labeling, approved by the DEC, and communicated to lake residents and users beginning seven days prior to the herbicide application. Based on the results of SOLitude Lake Management’s recent water sample tests, all water use restrictions have been removed as of today, Thursday, July 13, 2017.

The Chautauqua Lake Partnership, Town of Ellery, and Village of Bemus Point appreciate the cooperation of the community as this Project has been implemented.

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