

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICHOLAS LANGWORTHY'S
ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO
GOVERNMENT-MANDATED ENERGY BANS IN NEW YORK'S ALL-ELECTRIC
BUILDINGS ACT**

WHEREAS, the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF NEW HAVEN, is charged with a duty to maintain the health, safety and general welfare of the Town's residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable sources of energy are essential to the health, safety and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and,

WHEREAS, diverse combustion energy sources, including firewood, biomass, coal, petroleum and fuel gases, including natural gas, remain dependable, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally sound sources of energy used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), mandating aggressive emissions reductions and laying the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out use of fossil fuels; and,

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, in 2023, enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel equipment in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Independent System Operator has recently released two reports indicating that the State's electrical generation and distribution system faces profound reliability challenges in the immediate future; and,

WHEREAS, the fundamental laws of thermodynamics favor the efficient distributed use of combustion energy sources at the location of energy demand; and,

WHEREAS, the State's top-down policies undermine efficient energy use and affordability, threaten grid reliability and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and,

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Haven, strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's fossil fuel bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of New Haven proposes that Town residents and business should be entitled to choose for themselves the building energy source that best meets their needs, whether that be electricity or a combustion energy source, including, without limitation, firewood, biomass, coal, petroleum and fuel gases; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

MOTION was made by Councilperson Curcio, seconded by Councilperson Spereno, and voted as follows:

Supervisor Dan Barney:

Aye Nay

Councilwoman Patricia Prosser:

Aye Nay

Councilwoman Mary Curcio:

Aye Nay

Councilman Frederick Wilbur:

Aye Nay

Councilman Joe Spereno:

Aye Nay

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF OSWEGO)ss

I, Jennifer Woolson, Town Clerk of the Town of New Haven, Oswego County, New York, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the following resolution was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of New Haven on this 18th day of November 2025.