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### RESOLUTION #30-2025

#### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

**WHEREAS**, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of Newfane families, businesses, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by many residents 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), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; 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 hookups 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**, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, 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 Newfane 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 natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Newfane urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; 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 Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

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Supervisor **John Syracuse**

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DATED: **SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**