

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 419 OF 2025

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS STROUGH, CONOVER, WILD, DRISCOLL, MADAY, GERACI AND THOMAS

RESOLUTION URGING AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW TO ALLOW LOCAL OPT-OUTS FROM CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT (CLCPA) AND ELECTRIFICATION MANDATES

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

WHEREAS, New York State, through the enactment of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), has established mandates and benchmarks requiring universal electrification of energy, housing and transportation services, and

WHEREAS, while the goals of reducing carbon emissions and expanding renewable energy are laudable, the one-size-fits-all mandates arising from the CLCPA have created an alarming crisis in energy affordability, reliability, and local economic stability, and

WHEREAS, rural towns, villages, and counties in particular lack the infrastructure, energy capacity, and tax base necessary to safely and affordably implement these requirements, thereby placing disproportionate strain on municipalities already facing fiscal and operational challenges, and

WHEREAS, the New York State's tradition of "home rule" recognizes the authority of local governments to make decisions that best reflect the unique needs, capacities, and interests of their residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, local governments across the State ought to be afforded the authority to determine the pace and scope of participation in universal electrification and climate mandates, ensuring energy policy that is both practical and responsive to local conditions, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors is in full support of the New York State Senate Bill S8481 which would authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising under the CLCPA and associated universal electrification requirements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors urges Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to enact legislation amending the Environmental Conservation Law, the Public Service Law, the Energy Law, and the Executive Law to expressly authorize local governments to opt out of mandates and benchmarks arising under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and associated universal electrification requirements, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each county in New York State, outside the City of New York, encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Chair of the New York State Public Service Commission, Senator Daniel Stec, Assemblyman Matthew Simpson, New York State Association of Counties, the Inter-County Association of the Adirondacks, and all others deemed necessary and proper.