

Resolution # _____ -2021 EMS Task Force

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Board recognizes the critical role that ambulance services provide in rural communities,

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Board understands that rural ambulance companies are under unprecedented financial stress which is causing many rural companies to shut down and others to take on larger service areas, which increases response times,

WHEREAS, the decreasing availability of ambulance service creates issues equity that impacts poorer disadvantaged communities in remote areas,

WHEREAS, fewer people are pursuing the paramedic profession, primarily due to extremely low pay and a stressful work environment. Therefore, there is a growing shortage of Paramedics forcing ambulance companies to compete in recruiting and retaining qualified staff,

WHEREAS, the problems facing Enfield are shared by rural municipalities throughout New York state,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Enfield requests that the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, sign pending legislation establishing the New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force, Senate Bill S3503C.

ALSO RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, accompanied by a letter from the town, be sent to Governor Hochul, Senator Hinchey, Senator Helming, Senator Oberacker, and Assemblywoman Kelles.