

A Resolution urging Governor Hochul to sign legislatively-adopted volunteer firefighter and EMS volunteer assessment reduction legislation

RESOLUTION #2022-_____

Whereas, on April 13, 2022, by a unanimous vote, this Enfield Town Board adopted Resolution #49-2022, a Resolution recommending the Tompkins County Legislature draft, endorse, and forward to the New York State Legislature appropriate New York Home Rule legislation that would permit the Town of Enfield, Tompkins County, and other local taxing authorities, to grant, through local law, up to a ten per cent (10%) residential property assessment reduction to qualifying volunteer firefighters and volunteer EMS personnel; and

Whereas, by State Assembly action May 24, 2022, followed by State Senate action June 1, 2022, the New York State Legislature enacted Assembly Bill A10155-A, and Senate Bill S.9131, respectively; identical legislation that would , in effect, codify and extend to all municipalities statewide the permissive authority this Town Board had requested so as to permit such assessment reductions; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board supports Assembly Bill A10155-A, and Senate Bill S.9131, and urges this adopted legislation be signed into law; and

Whereas, this adopted legislation currently awaits the signature of New York Governor Kathy Hochul to become law; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby respectfully urges Governor Hochul to sign Assembly Bill A10155-A, and Senate Bill S.9131 into law; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Town Clerk to the following: the Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; the Hon. Thomas O'Mara, New York State Senator; the Hon. Dr. Anna Kelles, New York State Assemblymember; and the Hon. Shawna Black, Chairwoman, Tompkins County Legislature.

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