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RESOLUTION NO. 013-25

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

WHEREAS, New York State, through the enactment of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), has established aggressive mandates and benchmarks requiring universal electrification of energy, housing, and transportation sectors; 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, across New York State, communities are experiencing skyrocketing utility rates, escalating housing construction costs, and increased burdens on residents and businesses as a direct result of electrification mandates, including but not limited to:

- Building code requirements prohibiting the installation of natural gas hookups;
- State-imposed vehicle sales quotas that will prohibit the future sale of traditional vehicles; and
- Infrastructure benchmarks requiring widespread deployment of electric vehicle charging stations, which are neither practical nor financially feasible for many communities; 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, 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 Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, is in full support of the New York State Senate Bill S.8481, introduced by Senator Patrick Gallivan, 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, the Inter-County Association of Western New York calls upon the New York State Legislature and Governor 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, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Livingston County on the 17th day of October 2025.

Dated: November 12, 2025
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York