

RESOLUTION NO.

CALLING ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO DECLARE AN "ENERGY STATE OF EMERGENCY" RELATED TO ESCALATING ENERGY COSTS

WHEREAS, New York State's energy costs are among the highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, New York State residents have been facing an escalating energy burden this winter due to escalating supply costs and government mandates contributing to all-time high and unsustainable energy costs causing financial hardship for our residents, businesses, farmers, and manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, delivery rates have increased, however they are set by the Public Service Commission and can only increase with its approval and on a schedule prescribed by such authorization. This authorization does not include sudden spikes in energy commodity costs which are market driven; and

WHEREAS, due to several factors including a colder than average winter, New York State's lack of adequate energy supply has been a significant contributing factor to increased supply costs, and the strained supply has placed an undue burden on customers; and

WHEREAS, Town residents and business owners have expressed concern over rising rates and associated costs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to declaring an "Energy State of Emergency" the state should also require the Department of Public Service to produce a study analyzing cost growth from delivery and supply charges including evaluating the numerous state programs that are funded by ratepayers through their utility bills; and

WHEREAS, Town of Homer request to declare an "Energy State of Emergency" would allow immediate action to lower bills, place safeguards on utility bills to protect our consumers from extreme price spikes, initiate suspension of taxes, fees, and surcharges on energy bills, and expedite the construction of base load generation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Homer urges the Governor to declare an "Energy State of Emergency" to protect Town residents and all New York State ratepayers from extreme and unsustainable price spikes, promote stabilization of the power grid, and to promote affordable energy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Town of Homer will forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, NYS Legislative Representatives, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.