

TOWN OF NEW LEBANON

RESOLUTION #16, 2025

RESOLUTION URGING THE CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR MEDICAID AND OTHER CRITICAL FEDERAL PROGRAMS

APRIL 1, 2025

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held at the New Lebanon Town Hall, 14755 NYS Route 22, New Lebanon, New York, duly called and held on the 1st day of April 2025, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by Supervisor Houghtling

Seconded by Councilmember Powers

Urging the Continued Federal Funding for Medicaid and Other Critical Federal Programs

WHEREAS, the Federal Government provides critical funding to Medicaid and other essential programs that working families in Columbia County rely on; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid provides health care for children, long-term care, mental health services, treatment for opioid addiction, school nurses, and services for kids with disabilities in schools; and

WHEREAS, 31.7% of Columbia County residents get their healthcare through Medicaid, 41.6% of children in the county; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Memorial Hospital is the only hospital in the County and the County's largest employer — 63% of patient service revenue at this hospital comes from Medicare and Medicaid — and a decrease in Medicaid eligibility would hinder the hospital's ability to effectively serve our community and jeopardize the number and salary of local healthcare professionals; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties recently expressed “concern over proposed changes to Medicaid financing and requirements...Such changes have costly implications, leading to significant coverage losses for beneficiaries and increased medical debt, with unclear long-term savings... Preserving state flexibility and preventing significant funding cuts are both critical to ensuring Medicaid can be tailored to local priorities, as such cuts would severely limit this ability, forcing states to reduce services, restrict eligibility, or shift costs to local governments. These reductions would jeopardize access to affordable healthcare and long-term services and place an unsustainable financial burden on states and counties, which often serve as payers of last resort.”; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government provides essential funding to other programs Columbia County residents utilize such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Meals on Wheels, food banks, school purchases of local food, small business loans, transportation and transportation infrastructure, Rural Energy for

America Program (REAP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other support for farmers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the New Lebanon Town Board urges the New York State Congressional Delegation, made up of our elected representatives of the United States House of Representatives and our elected representatives of the United States Senate, to oppose any reductions in funding to Medicaid or changes in Medicaid requirements that would reduce services, restrict eligibility, or shift costs to local governments; and be it further

RESOLVED, urge the New York State Congressional Delegation to oppose any other funding reductions that would harm Columbia County residents such as reductions in SNAP, meals on wheels, food banks, school purchases of local food, small business loans, transportation and transportation infrastructure, REAP, EQIP, and other support for farmers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Congressional Delegation.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted “Aye” or “Nay” for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Steve Powers	Aye
VACANT	Vacant
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	Aye
Councilmember Joanne Amlaw	Aye
Councilmember Craig Skerkis	Aye

The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: April 1, 2025

Marcie Robertson
New Lebanon Town Clerk