

Resolution No. 117

Supervisor WILSON offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S PROPOSED BAN ON FOSSIL FUEL HEATING EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES

WHEREAS, in Governor Hochul's State of the State Address and her budget proposal, Governor Hochul proposed phasing out the sale of fossil fuel heating equipment and appliances in new residential and commercial buildings by 2025 and 2028 respectively, in addition a similar ban that would prohibit retro-fitting existing buildings with fossil fuel heating equipment by 2030 and 2035; and

WHEREAS, this radical proposal will negatively impact our region's residents, creating unnecessary financial mandates on homeowners and businesses already struggling in upstate New York communities; and

WHEREAS, mandated electrification could cost each homeowner or business \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for system conversion; and

WHEREAS, this proposal, if enacted, will result in economic hardship for communities throughout the state and stress the state's electrical grid well beyond its capacity; and

WHEREAS, if approved, this heavy-handed mandate will drive more residents and businesses out of the State of New York; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Supervisors calls upon the New York State Senate and Assembly to oppose any such legislation to eliminate and/or phase out the sale of fossil fuel heating equipment and appliances; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Treasurer, Governor Hochul, Senator Walczyk, Assemblyman Smullen, Assemblyman Simpson, Assemblywoman Walsh, NYSAC, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fulton County Center for Regional Growth, County Attorney, Budget Director/County Auditor, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board, and to each and every other person, institution or agency who will further the purport of this Resolution.

Seconded by Supervisor BREH and adopted by the following vote:

TOTAL: Ayes: 18 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 (Supervisors Howard and Van Genderen)

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF FULTON } ss:

I, Elizabeth Lathers, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County, at a duly called and held meeting of said Board on the 13th day of MARCH 2023, and the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal
This 13th day of MARCH 2023


Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Fulton County