
CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ADOPTED 3/14/2023

REFERRED TO: LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 106-23 URGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO RECONSIDER
BAN OF GAS STOVES AND OTHER NEW FOSSIL
FUEL HEATING EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS: Governor Hochul's State of the State Address contained a proposal to prohibit the sale of new fossil fuel powered heating systems by 2030 for smaller buildings and by 2035 for larger buildings; and

WHEREAS: Governor Hochul is further calling for all new construction to be fully sustainable with no on-site fossil fuel combustion by 2025 for smaller buildings and by 2028 for larger buildings; and

WHEREAS: President Biden and the White House have come out against any prohibition of gas stoves; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's ban is intended to help address climate change, but this government mandate is more of a burden on our County's working class residents and will have a devastating effect on our local businesses if they are required to convert to all electric; and

WHEREAS: The conversion to electric will create an unnecessary financial burden and hardship for homeowners resulting in a cost between \$20,000 - \$50,000 per household and would not provide a backup system in the event power outage; and

WHEREAS: The proposed ban on natural gas appliances and water heaters is not feasible during times of inclement weather and potential power outages; and

WHEREAS: Electrical appliances have more moving parts and are expensive to maintain and repair and have shown to be less efficient and more costly to generate the same amount of heat as natural gas fed appliances; and

WHEREAS: Mandating the purchase of electrical appliances is an unnecessary burden we are placing on our homeowners at a time when the cost of living has significantly outpaced wage growth; and

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WHEREAS: With the higher costs, energy bills will increase significantly for our residents further exacerbating the recent spikes in food, transportation, and general merchandise; and

WHEREAS: This government mandate will likely lead to an increased strain on our State's electrical grid; and

WHEREAS: The costs to bury power lines, increase renewable energy infrastructure, and increase the capacity of transformers will be passed on directly to consumers in the form of increased energy costs; and

WHEREAS: Individual homes, especially those in older housing stock like Tioga County, will be forced to conduct in-home electrical panel upgrades to accommodate the increased demand from their appliances; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature urges the Governor to reconsider her plan to ban natural gas heating and appliances and to fully examine the real-life impact this will cause to the residents of Tioga County and all of New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Legislature will forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Senator Thomas F. O'Mara, Assemblyman Christopher S. Friend, NYSAC, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF TIOGA)

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the fourteenth day of March, 2023, a majority of all the members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this fourteenth day of March, 2023.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Haskel".

Clerk of the Tioga County Legislature