

**RESOLUTION**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held at the Town Courthouse, 23 Plattekill Ave., in New Paltz, New York, in said Town on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock P.M., prevailing time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bettez, and upon roll being called, the following roll was taken:

	<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____

The following resolution was offered by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is deeply concerned to see media reports about the possibility of a steep cut to Medicaid in the 2020 New York State Budget; and

WHEREAS, such a cut would have deep and lasting consequences for the New Paltz community and across New York State; and

WHEREAS, drastic Medicaid cuts would make it extremely difficult for financially struggling safety net hospitals and nursing homes to continue to provide quality care to New York's most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, New York is rightfully proud of its proven commitment to protect and expand healthcare coverage, a commitment that has resulted in 95% of New Yorkers having health insurance. To follow through with cuts to Medicaid would effectively be the Government turning its back on more than six million New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, as elected officials representing the citizens of New Paltz, New York, we have a responsibility to speak up as the budget discussions proceed to ask the State to protect Medicaid and the vulnerable New Yorkers who rely on it; and

WHEREAS, cuts to Medicaid would create a need for increased contributions

thereby negatively impacting living wage and minimum wage workers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Paltz Town Board hereby calls upon the Governor, the Assembly and the Senate of New York State to protect Medicaid funding in the 2020 Budget and take off the table any and all proposed cuts to Medicaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assemblymember Kevin Cahill, and Senator Jen Metzger.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Marty Irwin	_____	_____	_____
Council Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis	_____	_____	_____

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.