

**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2021**

**CALLING ON THE U.S. SENATE TO PASS THE FOR THE PEOPLE ACT, S1, IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE**

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, held via videoconference in said Town on the 17th day of June , 2021, at 7 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:

	<u><b>PRESENT</b></u>	<u><b>ABSENT</b></u>
Supervisor Neil Bettez	_____	_____
Council Member Daniel Torres	_____	_____
Council Member Alex Baer	_____	_____
Council Member David Brownstein	_____	_____
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 right to vote is one of the foundational rights of all American citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Congressman John Lewis spent his life fighting against hate, bigotry, and equal opportunity at the voting booth inside and outside of Congress to advance voting rights for everyone; and

**WHEREAS**, voting rights are under attack nationally by state legislators introducing and passing laws to create barriers to our participation in elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the For the People Act is a transformative, comprehensive bill addressing voting rights and election administration, money-in-politics, redistricting government transparency, and ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, the For the People Act will provide a needed overhaul of money-in-politics, voting and ethics laws to make our democracy more inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, the For the People Act is based on countless democracy reforms passed and successfully implemented in states across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the For the People Act’s solutions are broadly supported by the American people across the political spectrum. Polling indicates 67% of Americans – including 56% of Republican voters and 68% of Independent voters – support the For the People Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the For the People Act is the most comprehensive pro-democracy bill introduced in Congress since the Watergate era, containing the bold action that the American people want and deserve; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of New Paltz, New York calls on New York’s United State Senators, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, to do everything possible to support and pass S1, the For the People Act, before the 2021 Senate summer recess.

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.