

**RESOLUTION - OPPOSING THE HARMFUL IMPACTS OF HEALTHCARE AND FOOD SECURITY PROVISIONS OF THE “BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL”**

**WHEREAS**, the “Big Beautiful Bill” is an omnibus measure that bundles numerous and unrelated provisions into a single vote, limiting accountability and obscuring real-world impacts on working families; and

**WHEREAS**, nonpartisan and sector analyses find the law would significantly reduce federal support for health coverage, leaving about 1.5 million New Yorkers uninsured, which will drive up uncompensated care costs for hospitals and other health care providers and is estimated to result in multi-billion-dollar losses for New York’s hospitals and community providers, including fiscal destabilization of New York’s Essential Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation weakens nutrition security by cutting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and shifting major costs to states and local governments, with New York’s fiscal watchdog estimating \$1.4–\$2.2 billion in new annual state/local costs, alongside estimates that roughly 300,000 New York households could lose some or all SNAP benefits under new rules; and

**WHEREAS**, Ulster County Comptroller March Gallagher reports that Ulster County has over 17,000 or 10% of County residents on SNAP and over 48,000 or 27% of residents on Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, starting in 2026, veterans receiving SNAP benefits will have to meet strict work requirements— at least 80 hours a month of working, volunteering, participating in job training, or looking for work —or risk losing assistance. This change ends a long-standing exemption and affects many of the 1.2 million low-income veterans nationwide who rely on food stamps; and

**WHEREAS**, these provisions cumulatively shift burdens onto middle-class families, veterans, seniors, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and local governments - contrary to the goal of lowering everyday costs for working families.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale finds numerous provisions of the “Big Beautiful Bill” harmful to our constituents, local hospitals and providers, family budgets, and county finances, and hereby opposes its provisions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, RESOLVED**, that the Town of Rosendale urges Congress to replace these provisions with a bipartisan approach that:

1. protects and expands affordable health-care coverage, Medicare/Medicaid, and stabilizes hospitals and community providers; and
2. maintains and strengthens SNAP so no child, senior, veteran, or working family goes hungry; and
3. prioritizes middle-class tax relief and small-business growth; and
4. delivers real fiscal responsibility by lowering costs for families without shifting unfunded mandates to state and local governments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk shall transmit copies of this Resolution to U.S. Representative Pat Ryan, U.S. Representative Josh Riley, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblywoman Sarahana Shrestha and the Ulster County Executive.

Motion made at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rosendale, October 8, 2025 by Supervisor Walsh and seconded by Councilman Cassidy.

VOTING MEMBERS:

Councilman Cassidy        Yes

Councilman Havranek       No

Councilmember Sweeney   Yes

Councilwoman Wykoff      Yes

Supervisor Walsh           Yes

Town Seal

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Mandy Donald – Town Clerk

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