

**TOWN OF PLYMOUTH**  
**RESOLUTION # 34**  
**DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S  
ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO  
GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

[Town of Plymouth] offered the following and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the [Town of Plymouth] strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the [Town of Plymouth] urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

Moved by [Signature] Seconded by Rhonda Fairbanks

Vote:

Supervisor: Patricia A. Murray [Signature]

☐ Aye/Nay

Council Member: Vacant

☐ Aye/Nay

Council Member: Rhonda Fairbanks Rhonda Fairbanks

☐ Aye/Nay

Council Member: Christopher D. Collier [Signature]

☐ Aye/Nay

Council Member: Brett Wightman [Signature]

☐ Aye/Nay

Resolution ☒ Passed/☐ Failed on Date Nov. 10, 2025

Town Clerk Virginia E. Brown Virginia E. Brown

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