



Tompkins County Council of Governments

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 10/28/21 03:00 PM

Department: Tompkins County Council of Governments

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2021

Resolution Urging New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to Sign Legislation Establishing the New York State (NYS) Rural Ambulance Task Force

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Joel Gagnon, Member, Town of Danby
SECONDER: Rod Howe, Vice Chair, Town of Ithaca
AYES: Witmer, Howe, Gagnon, Hart, Lynch, Murphy, Scheffler, Woodard, Zahler

WHEREAS, Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) recognizes the critical role that ambulance services provide in rural communities, and

WHEREAS, TCCOG understands rural ambulance companies are under unprecedented financial stress which is causing many rural companies to shut down and others to take on larger service areas, which increases response times, and

WHEREAS, the decreasing availability of ambulance service creates equity issues and impacts poorer and disadvantaged communities in remote areas, and

WHEREAS, fewer people are pursuing the paramedic profession, primarily due to extremely low pay and a stressful work environment, causing a growing shortage of paramedics, forcing ambulance companies to compete in recruiting and retention of qualified staff, and

WHEREAS, the problems facing Tompkins County municipalities are shared by rural municipalities throughout New York State, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) requests that the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, sign pending legislation establishing the New York State Rural Ambulance Task Force, Senate Bill S3503C, and

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of this resolution, be sent to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Senators Michelle Hinchey, Pamela Helming, Peter Oberacker, and Assemblywoman Anna Kelles.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Council of Governments on October 28, 2021.

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