



ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOHN J. MILLS
LEGISLATOR

June 18, 2019

Robert Graber, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Clerk Graber,

Please accept the attached resolutions from the Village of Gowanda, Town of Holland, and Town of Wales, in opposition to providing driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John J. Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislature, 11th District

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED
BY LEGISLATORS RATH & MILLS**

RE: Opposition to Providing Driver's Licenses to Undocumented Immigrants

WHEREAS, New York State is considering provisions that would offer driver's licenses to otherwise undocumented immigrants living in the state; and

WHEREAS, over the past ten years, elected officials from Western New York, including Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, have openly opposed offering driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, this policy essentially directs every County Clerk to knowingly break federal laws when approving undocumented immigrants' applications; and

WHEREAS, a driver's license could be used by illegal immigrants for "cover" as Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul once said, by providing them a valuable form of identification, allowing them to entirely avoid federal immigration authorities; and

WHEREAS, the privilege to drive in New York is not absolute; and, violation of other sections of state law, completely unrelated to Vehicle and Traffic laws can have an impact on the validity of one's driver's license; and

WHEREAS, New York law currently allows for the revocation of a driver's license if the person identified has broken another law, like failing to pay child support; and

WHEREAS, a person's willingness to avoid following proper immigration procedure calls into question whether they are willing to avoid following other laws, like reporting their income taxes, purchasing proper insurance, or following New York's vehicle and traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement would not be permitted to review the records of an undocumented immigrant who is pulled over in a routine traffic stop, but could do background checks on U.S. citizens creating a double standard; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this body that the privilege to drive legally in New York State should be predicated on the driver being in New York, and the United States of America, legally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

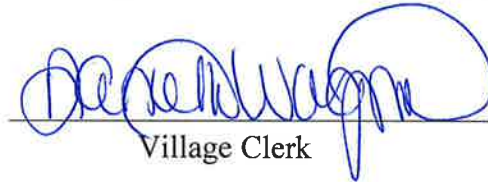
RESOLVED, this honorable body urges the New York State Legislature and Governor Cuomo to reject the proposal calling for the provision of licenses to undocumented immigrants; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body urges the Erie County Clerk follow all federal laws and provide driver's licenses to only legal citizens of the United States of America; and, be it further

RESLOVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the WNY Delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was adopted.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Village of Gowanda Board of Trustees on the 11 day of June 2019.


Village Clerk

SEAL:

Town Clerk - Tax Collector
JILL ZIENTEK

Highway Superintendent
PATRICK F. JOYCE

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RONALD P. BENNETT

Assessor
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ROBERTA HERR
KAREN L. KLINE

RESOLUTION #40-2019

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Councilman Kolacki made the motion. Seconded by Councilwoman Kline at a regular meeting of the Town of Holland Town Board on June 12, 2019, the motion was passed unanimously. CARRIED.

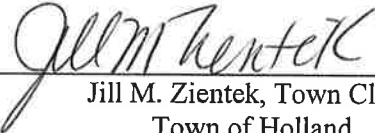
CERTIFICATION

I, Jill M Zientek, Town Clerk of the Town of Holland, DO CERTIFY that at an adjourned regular board meeting of the Holland Town Board, on the 12th day of June, 2019 at the Holland Town Hall, 47 Pearl Street, Holland, New York, and the above resolution was adopted, with each member present voting therefore, as follows:

Councilman Geoffrey Hack	AYE
Councilwoman Roberta Herr	AYE
Councilman William Kolacki	AYE
Councilwoman Karen Kline	AYE
Supervisor Michael Kasprzyk	AYE

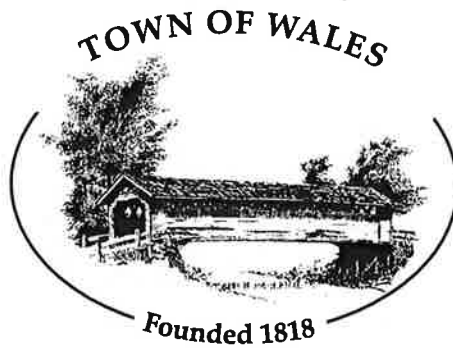
I do further certify that the resolution duly adopted by the Town Board and the official minutes are on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Holland this 12th day of June, 2019.



Jill M. Zientek, Town Clerk
Town of Holland





**RESOLUTION OPPOSING S1747/A3675
WHICH WOULD OFFER DRIVERS LICENSES TO
UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS**

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RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this resolution to Erie County Legislator Mills, Erie County Legislator Rath, NYS Assemblyman Norris and NYS Senator Ranzenhofer.

MOTION_# By Councilman Donald Butcher and second by Councilman Gerlad Klinck approving resolution S1747/A3675 opposing offering driver’s licenses to undocumented immigrants.

The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Wales on June 11th, 2019, the results of which were as follows:

Councilman Donald Butcher	AYE
Councilman Kyle Barry	NO
Councilman Dan Driver	AYE
Councilwoman Gerald Klinck	AYE
Supervisor Rickey Venditti	AYE

CARRIED

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) SS.
TOWN OF WALES)

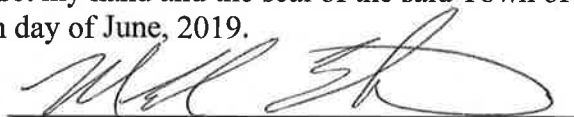
I, Melinda Eaton, Town Clerk of the Town of Wales, County of Erie, State of New York, do hereby certify that at an adjourned regular meeting of the Wales Town Board, on the 11 th day of June, 2019 at the Wales Town Hall, 12345 Big Tree Rd, Wales Center, New York, the above resolution was adopted, with each member present voting therefore, as follows:

Councilman Donald Butcher	AYE
Councilman Kyle Barry	NO
Councilman Dan Driver	AYE
Councilwoman Gerald Klinck	AYE
Supervisor Rickey Venditti	AYE

CARRIED

I do further certify that the resolution duly adopted by the Town Board and the official meeting minutes are on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Town of Wales, County of Erie, State of New York, this 11th day of June, 2019.



Melinda Eaton, Town Clerk
Town of Wales, New York

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