



Town of Newstead

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December 14, 2021

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St. - 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Representatives,

Enclosed please find a certified resolution passed by the Newstead Town Board at their regular meeting held on Monday, December 13, 2021 regarding their opposition of New York State and Erie County's Covid-19 Emergency Response mandates and restrictions and opposing their associated enforcement by outside agencies within the Town of Newstead.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (716) 542-4573, option 2 or Town Supervisor David Cummings at option 5. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC
Town Clerk

Enclosures

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OPPOSING ERIE COUNTY AND NEW YORK STATE'S
COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE WAS OFFERED BY
COUNCILMAN JENDROWSKI, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DUGAN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newstead, New York (the Town Board) recognizes that the Covid-19 Pandemic virus has become a widespread global endemic disease that will likely never be eradicated due to its mutations and that managing it by declaring a State of Emergency and declaring mandates every time a new variant and/or spike in cases arises must not continue, due to negative impacts on mental and societal health, residents' rights and freedoms, and negative impacts on businesses and schools ability to cope with and manage through what will likely be regular occurrences in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that this virus will continue to be part of our everyday life and must no longer be used to infringe on individual and business owner rights and freedoms as a result of declaring a State of Emergency, vaccine mandates, mask mandates and lockdowns; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that actions associated with vaccine mandates in the healthcare field has resulted in decreased capacity, due to job terminations, and severely limits the ability to hire and fill positions due to unvaccinated hiring restrictions, increasing, rather than mitigating, the virus's risk to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that a long-term management plan is required to manage the Covid-19 virus and that Erie County and New York State should be proactively addressing hospital capacity issues that impact the health and well-being of our residents instead of suspending certain procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board questions why Erie County is one of the only counties in NY that renewed, every thirty days, the Covid-19 State of Emergency since March 15, 2020. It is our belief that further extensions are not justified; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports proposed legislation in the New York State Senate that would require approval by Town, Village and City Governing Boards any County Executive's or County Health Board's extension of a State of Emergency beyond 30 days within their Town, Village or City; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the Covid-19 virus has become a long-term widespread global endemic disease and requests that our town residents, businesses and schools have the right to determine for themselves their unique requirements for mitigating risks and the Town Board respectfully requests that New York State and Erie County not enter the Town of Newstead for the purpose of enforcement of their Covid mandates or associated restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports similar concerns from other town and village leaders, such as those serving in Williamsville, Marilla, West Seneca and Grand Island, whom



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


I, Dawn D. Izydorczak, Town Clerk of the Town of Newstead, County of Erie, State of New York, do hereby certify that at an adjourned regular meeting of the Newstead Town Board, on the 13th day of December, 2021 at the Newstead Town Hall, 5 Clarence Center Rd, Akron, New York, the above resolution was adopted, with each member present voting therefore, as follows:

David L. Cummings, Supervisor-	AYE
Edmund J. Burke, Councilman-	NO
Joseph Dugan, Councilman-	AYE
John Jendrowski, Jr, Councilman-	AYE
Patricia Pope, Councilwoman-	AYE

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 Newstead, County of Erie, State of New York, this 14th day of December, 2021.

SEAL


Dawn D. Izydorczak, RMC, Town Clerk
Town of Newstead, New York