

**Resolution # 2025- ____ Town of Enfield Resolution Urging Emergency Continuation of
SNAP Benefits and Emergency Funding for Food Banks**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) will temporarily cease providing benefits to eligible participants this Saturday, November 1st, if the US governmental shutdown does not end before then;

WHEREAS, many residents in Enfield and the surrounding areas rely on these SNAP benefits to feed themselves and their families;

WHEREAS, the cessation of SNAP benefits will create a significant and extraordinary burden on local food banks, including Enfield's Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, it is important for our Town of Enfield to add its voice to the growing call to fund SNAP benefits during the government shutdown to put pressure on the US Congress to act as soon as possible;

RESOLVED, that the Town of Enfield urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to immediately pass emergency legislation authorizing the continuation of SNAP benefits during the current governmental shutdown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence of U.S. legislation to fund the continuation of SNAP benefits during the governmental shutdown, the Town of Enfield urges the State of New York to pass emergency legislation to fund the provision of food vouchers to eligible participants of SNAP benefits to supplement their food needs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Enfield urges the Tompkins County Legislature to provide emergency funding to local food banks, including the Enfield Food Pantry, to help address the added burdens being placed on these institutions in the absence of SNAP benefits and/or state food vouchers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall provide copies of this Resolution to the following: The Hon. Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York; the Hon. Josh Riley, United States Congress; the Hon. Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senators; the Hon. Lea Webb, New York State Senator; the Hon. Dr. Anna Kelles, New York State Assemblymember; the Hon. Randy Brown, Tompkins County Legislator; and the Hon. Anne Koreman, Tompkins County Legislator.