

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY
COUNCILMEMBER BURKE, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION,
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MUTTER

Whereas, the Buy American Salt Act (S9441) went into effect in the Fall of 2024, requiring New York State Government Entities to procure salt exclusively from American Sourced Salt Mines; and

Whereas, due to this legislation, both the Erie County and New York State Salt Supply Contracts for the 2024-2025 winter season were awarded to American Rock Salt located in Livingston County, who then faced an unprecedented demand; and

Whereas, due to this increased demand, governments across Erie County are dealing with a significant salt supply shortage, which poses a serious challenge to the ability to properly service roadways and ensure the safety of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Newstead strongly urges the State Legislature to amend the Buy American Salt Act to a Buy North American Salt Act. This amendment would allow local governments to source materials from a broader range of vendors, including Canadian suppliers, ensuring a stable and adequate supply of salt to keep our roads safe during winter months.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the individuals/groups set forth below:

Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader of the Assembly William A. Barclay, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Town Board held on March 10, 2025, the results of which were as follows:

Councilmember Mutter	_____
Councilmember Burke	_____
Councilmember Jendrowski	_____
Councilmember Dugan	_____
Supervisor Izydorczak	_____