

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

WHEREAS, Correction Officers work in facilities to maintain good working order to keep incarcerated individuals, staff, and the community safe by communicating well, remaining disciplined, and handling extremely dangerous situations inside the facility; and

WHEREAS, working in correctional facilities takes a physical and mental toll on Corrections Officers and their families, especially while being mandated to work shifts 24 hours or more at one time; and

WHEREAS, with the implementation of the New York State HALT Act, Corrections Officers are not permitted to utilize SHU for long term discipline, and they no longer have recourse for violence toward other incarcerated individuals or staff, which has caused the rate of violent assaults to nearly double; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Erie County Government has called on the NYS Legislature to REPEAL the New York State HALT Act as its application has created a hazardous and unlawful environment which jeopardizes both staff and incarcerated individuals alike; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newstead believes it is necessary to do the same.

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

1. The Town Board of the Town of Newstead is calling for the full repeal of the New York State HALT Act until it can be researched and revised with Input from Correctional staff.
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	Aye
Councilmember Burke	Aye
Councilmember Jendrowski	Aye
Councilmember Dugan	Aye
Supervisor Izydorczak	Aye