

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Legislature of Rockland County will meet in its Chambers in the Allison-Parris County Office Building, New City, New York, on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**, pursuant to Rule 149-5 of the Rules of the Rockland County Legislature. The Subject of This Special Meeting Shall Be Allocating Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) To Alleviate Food Insecurity In Rockland County While The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Is Cut Off Due To The Federal Government Shutdown.

Very truly yours,

Laurence O. Toole
Clerk to the Legislature

Dated at New City, New York
This 30th day of October 2025

A Roll Call being taken at 10:02 a.m., the following Legislators were present and answered to their names:

Paul C. Cleary
Beth J. Davidson
Toney L. Earl
Joel Friedman
Lon M. Hofstein
Moshe Hopstein
Douglas J. Jobson
Will J. Kennelly
Jesse M. Malowitz
Dana G. Stilley
Alden H. Wolfe
Itamar J. Yeger
Philip Soskin, Second Vice Chairman
Aney Paul, Vice Chairwoman
Jay Hood, Jr., Chairman

Absent: Legislators Thomas F. Diviny and Raymond W. Sheridan III

Honorable Jay Hood, Jr., Chairman, led in the Salute to the Flag and delivered the invocation.

Chairman Jay Hood, Jr. made a motion for the Legislature to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 10:06 a.m., which was moved by Legislator Alden H. Wolfe and seconded by Legislator Lon M. Hofstein and unanimously passed.

The Legislature now resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Chaired by Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., to discuss the following:

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Referral No. 8037 Allocating Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) To Alleviate Food Insecurity In Rockland County While The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Is Cut Off Due To The Federal Government Shutdown. (Sponsors: Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Hon. Beth J. Davidson, Hon. Dana G. Stilley, Hon. Jesse M. Malowitz, Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Hon. Itamar J. Yeger, Hon. Paul C. Cleary, Hon. Toney L. Earl, Hon. Joel Friedman, Hon. Moshe Hopstein, Hon. Aney Paul, Hon. Philip Soskin, Hon. Lon M. Hofstein, Hon. Raymond W. Sheridan III, Hon. Thomas F. Diviny, Hon. Douglas J. Jobson, Hon. Will J. Kennelly)

MOTION TO APPROVE
HOOD, JR./ENTIRE LEGISLATURE: UNAN.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REPORT
BACK TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE AT 10:19 A.M.
EARL/MALOWITZ: UNAN.

Legislator Stillely offered that the Rules of the Legislature be waived to consider Resolution No. 538 of 2025 as immediate need, which was seconded by Legislator Soskin and passed unanimously

Introduced by:

Referral No. 8037

Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor
Hon. Beth J. Davidson, Sponsor
Hon. Dana G. Stillely, Sponsor
Hon. Jesse M. Malowitz, Sponsor
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe, Sponsor
Hon. Itamar J. Yeager, Sponsor
Hon. Paul C. Cleary, Sponsor
Hon. Toney L. Earl, Sponsor
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**RESOLUTION NO. 538 OF 2025
ALLOCATING TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) TO ALLEVIATE FOOD
INSECURITY IN ROCKLAND COUNTY WHILE THE SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) IS CUT OFF
DUE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

HOOD, JR./ENTIRE LEGISLATURE: UNAN.

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing shutdown of the federal government, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is scheduled to run out of money on November 1, affecting some 42 million people nationwide, which include approximately 3 million people in NY and 55.4 thousand people in Rockland County; and

WHEREAS, food pantries in Rockland County are bracing for a surge of people coming through their doors for assistance when the next round of aid does not appear on their SNAP debit cards and leaves some 19,000 households in a state of extreme food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, while private donations to organizations that assist with food insecurity are always welcome and appreciated, the Rockland County Legislature is convinced that more will be necessary to ensure that those affected by the SNAP cutoff will have enough to eat; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Legislature wishes to do what it can to alleviate the impending elevated levels of food insecurity in Rockland County by earmarking \$2 million to the Department of Social Services (DSS), to be distributed to those agencies and organizations who work tirelessly to feed those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Legislature is committed to do whatever is necessary to assist the residents of the County during this crisis and to commit further funds as while the government shutdown and the cutoff of SNAP aid continue; and

WHEREAS, in order to speed up this process, money must be transferred from the county fund balance to DSS for rapid distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole of the Legislature has met, considered and unanimously approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature hereby earmarks \$2 million to the Department of Social Services (DSS) to alleviate the impending levels of food insecurity in Rockland County due to the cutoff of SNAP aid as a result of the federal government shutdown, said funds to be distributed to those agencies and organizations who work tirelessly to feed those in need; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to increase the following accounts in the amount indicated:

GENERAL (A) FUND - 2025

Increase Appropriation Acct:

A	DSS	6010 E5010	Department of Social Services - Contract Agency	\$2,000,000
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Increase Est. Revenue. Acct:

A	UNC	9990 R5990	UNC - Unallocable Revenue - Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,000,000
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; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney, in consultation with DSS, is hereby authorized to prepare all contracts necessary to achieve the stated goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature is committed to do whatever is necessary to assist the residents of the County during this crisis and to commit further funds while the government shutdown and the cutoff of SNAP aid continue; And be it further

RESOLVED, that should any of the \$2 million earmarked remain unused when SNAP aid resumes, the monies shall be transferred back to the appropriated fund balance via legislative resolution; and be further

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Legislature hereby calls upon the County Executive to work with the Chair of the Legislature to effect the intent of this resolution, including but not limited to declaring a state of emergency in Rockland County and/or making emergency procurements in accordance with the procurement policy to alleviate the emergency conditions created by the suspension of SNAP aid.

**RESOLUTION NO. 539 OF 2025
ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wolfe offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Jobson and was unanimously adopted (10:20 p.m.)

RESOLVED, that the meeting of the Legislature is hereby adjourned to Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Shapin-Greenberg
Legislative Operations Coordinator