

RESOLUTION #2017-23

**OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF THE
DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Clayton held at the Village Offices, 425 Mary St., Clayton, NY, on September 11, 2017, at 5:30 PM prevailing time there were:

PRESENT: Norma J. Zimmer, Mayor
John Buker, Trustee
Michelle Grybowski, Trustee
Nancy Hyde, Trustee

ABSENT: Tony Randazzo, Trustee

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Clayton expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Representative Elise M. Stefanik to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

A motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was made by Trustee Buker and seconded by Trustee Hyde, and upon a roll call vote of the Board was duly adopted as follows:

Mayor Zimmer	Voting Aye
Trustee Buker	Voting Aye
Trustee Grybowski	Voting Aye
Trustee Hyde	Voting Aye
Trustee Randazzo	ABSENT

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: September 25, 2017



Geneva Phelps Miller, Village Clerk

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