



**Resolution in Support of S2071B / A1071C Legalizing Surrogacy Agreements**  
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WHEREAS: 47 US states allow compensated surrogacy agreements,

WHEREAS: Such agreements are still illegal in New York State,

WHEREAS: Gay, non-binary, and infertile couples should not be excluded from having children,

WHEREAS: Access to in-vitro fertilization technology is already available to cisgender women seeking to carry their own child but is not available to transwomen, non-binary people, or gay men who can only have children via surrogates,

WHEREAS: A major driver of surrogacy cost for New Yorkers is travel,

WHEREAS: Living in a different state from your surrogate denies parents the ability to bond over a pregnancy,

WHEREAS: New York's surrogacy bill provides surrogates with more protections than any other state in the country,

WHEREAS: Keeping surrogacy illegal in New York will drive potential parents to states with fewer protections, or to the black market within New York, and

WHEREAS: A woman has the right to control her own body,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Independent Democrats support passage by the New York State Legislature of Assembly Bill A.1071C (Paulin) and Senate Bill S.2071B (Hoylman), which legalizes compensated gestational surrogacy arrangements in New York State.