

## **Resolution in Support of the Medical Aid in Dying Act (S. 3947 / A. 2694)**

*Whereas* terminally ill adults can suffer in extreme pain for months,

*Whereas* some of these adults, sound of mind, would choose a compassionate and painless death in the face of such suffering,

*Whereas* the Medical Aid in Dying Act ([S3947/A2694](#)) would bring New York in line with 9 other states and D.C., including neighboring New Jersey and Vermont, to allow terminally ill, mentally sound adults who are in the final stage of a terminal illness to request a medication they can choose to ingest if their suffering gets too great, and

*Whereas* the Medical Aid in Dying Act includes nation-leading protections for patients, including:

1. Only patients with incurable, irreversible prognoses of less than six months, as confirmed by two doctors, are eligible,
2. If either doctor has a concern about mental capacity, such capacity must be confirmed by an independent mental health professional,
3. The patient must be informed of all end-of-life options,
4. Requiring three separate requests for end-of-life medication, including one in writing, all of which need witnesses, at least one of whom cannot be a relative or beneficiary of the estate,
5. The patient can withdraw their request(s) at any time,
6. The patient must self-administer the medication,
7. No medical professional is required to participate,
8. Attempts to coerce a patient to end their life are criminally punishable,

**Therefore be it resolved that the Village Independent Democrats** supports the Medical Aid in Dying Act and urges the legislature to pass it and the Governor to sign it.