

Resolution No. 380-2020

Council Member Brancatelli

FOR ADOPTION
March 23, 2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to enact legislation to support all businesses affected by closures and necessary public health and safety actions to limit the risk of COVID-19 community spread.

WHEREAS, necessary public health and safety actions by federal, state, and local governments have required businesses, including retailers, restaurants, gyms, and other service providers, to close; and

WHEREAS, these closures are placing an insurmountable strain on all businesses, workers, and the economy, therefore federal government action is urgently needed; and

WHEREAS, immediately, the federal government should guarantee or directly pay for business interruption coverage for all businesses; while some businesses may have third party insurance, the current crisis is not covered by these policies; and

WHEREAS, Congress has enacted legislation providing critical assistance for small businesses, through loans from the Small Business Administration, and relief to American workers, through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act's paid-leave and other benefits for workers affected by the coronavirus; such relief should be provided to all businesses; and

WHEREAS, this Council urges Congress to enact legislation that supports all businesses affected by this public health crisis that will allow businesses to continue paying their employees and suppliers to continue operating and generating state and local taxes to support our economy; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to support all business affected by closures and necessary public health and safety actions to limit the risk of COVID-19 community spread.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader, Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader, and Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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