

Resolution No. 429-2020

By Council Member Zone

FOR ADOPTION
May 27, 2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to allocate fair and direct emergency support to all of America's cities and communities to reopen and rebuild local American economies.

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, municipalities like Cleveland are essential to America's economic recovery and without funding support for local governments, municipalities may go from being a critical part of the economic solution, to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery; and

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages will experience budgetary shortfalls of up to \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, and the negative effects of the pandemic emergency on local communities will continue long after this year; and

WHEREAS, three million critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland has been greatly impacted by this health crisis, and has incurred budgetary shortfalls and additional expenditures to respond to this pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, America's rural communities and small towns are struggling just as much as big cities and risk being left behind or wiped out entirely; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size; and

WHEREAS, this funding must be flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, and other economic engines; and

WHEREAS, local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy and keep middle class workers employed and critical services operating; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life; 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 allocate fair and direct emergency support to all of America's cities and communities to reopen and rebuild local American economies.

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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**REPORT
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