

DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROVIDE DIRECT RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the President of the United States have declared states of emergency as a result of the Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”);

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been deemed controllable via the implementation of precautionary measures such as stay-at-home orders and requiring “non-essential” businesses to either close or severely curtail contact for the purposes of stopping the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the precautionary measure has severely disrupted the economy limiting the productivity of businesses and the income of employees;

WHEREAS, in recognition of this unprecedented public health crisis, the United States Congress has passed three stimulus bills to mitigate for losses due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, according to the 2018 American Community Survey, of the 122 million U.S. households, 44 million were renter households with an annual median income of \$41,000; making the rental population more likely to be financially disrupted by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has the potential to create a crisis-level nonpayment of rent scenario that both negatively impacts the property owner’s ability to maintain management and upkeep of the property at a time when many are sheltered in their units, and contribute significant property tax revenue that fund vital community services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Democratic Municipal Officials** to wit:

1. The **Democratic Municipal Officials** hereby agrees with the findings stated in resolution above and ratifies the same.
2. To request that the United States Congress use its considerable financial resources to create a direct Rental Housing Assistance fund to assist residents and stabilize communities.
3. Authorize the Democratic Municipal Officials to send a letter of support and accompanying resolution to the Honorable Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and the Honorable Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell.
4. This Resolution is effective upon passage and approval.

Adopted by vote of the **Democratic Municipal Officials** on the 22nd day of May 2020.