

RESOLUTION NO. 4.20

WEST SALEM IS ESSENTIAL SUPPORT OF FAIR, DIRECT FEDERAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT 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 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 \$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, the Village of West Salem has expended unanticipated and unbudgeted funds for health and safety-related emergency procurement of provisions, unbudgeted unemployment compensation payments, and has incurred extraordinary, unbudgeted election-related and postage costs;

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem has suffered significant budget revenue shortfalls due to cancellation of programs, reduced municipal citations and forfeitures, and reduced room tax tourism revenue;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of West Salem calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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, other economic engines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding will keep middle class workers employed and critical services operating; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that West Salem has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life; and

BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees directs that this Resolution be forwarded to United States Senator Tammy Baldwin and United States Senator Ron Johnson.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2020.



Dennis Manthei, Village President

Teresa L. DeLong, Village Administrator