

**TOWN OF NEW LEBANON
RESOLUTION #___, 2020
CALLING FOR DIRECT FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
MAY 12, 2020**

At the regular monthly meeting of the New Lebanon Town Board, held via video and teleconference, duly called and held on the 12th day of May 2020, the following Resolution was proposed and seconded:

Resolution by _____
Seconded by _____

CALLING FOR DIRECT FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the federal government recently enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to address the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 601 of the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) provides \$150 billion fund for states, tribal government and units of local government with a population in excess of 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, less than one-half of 1 percent of municipalities in the entire United States meet this population threshold and are thus ineligible to receive direct funding from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, of the 933 towns in New York, 931 towns are not eligible for direct funding under the CARES Act, including the Town of New Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, towns provide essential services to the 9 million New Yorkers town residents, including, but not limited to, ambulance, police, and fire protection services, building and code enforcement and highway maintenance, and have continued to do so throughout the ongoing health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has created significant financial stress for local governments in New York as an estimated \$2 billion in sales tax revenue has been lost, as well as other sources of revenue such as permit fees, justice court fines, and mortgage recording tax; and

WHEREAS, the depletion of different revenue sources for local governments, combined with lack of funding, will result in reducing essential services or shifting the cost onto real property taxpayers, many of whom are experiencing their own financial stress;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of New Lebanon calls upon United States Congressional Representative Antonio Delgado, Senator Charles Schumer, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, to support federal funding related to the coronavirus pandemic that is directly delivered to all municipalities, regardless of population size.

Upon the question of the foregoing Resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" or "Nay" for said Resolution:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Norman Rasmussen	_____
Councilmember Deborah Gordon	_____
Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling	_____
Councilmember Jesse Newton	_____

Councilmember John Trainor

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The Resolution, having been approved by a majority vote of the Town Board, was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of New Lebanon.

Dated: May 12, 2020

Marcie Robertson
Town Clerk
Town of New Lebanon