

RESOLUTION R-1920-118

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING FAIR, DIRECT
FEDERAL EMERGENCY SUPPORT TO REOPEN AND
REBUILD LOCAL AMERICAN ECONOMIES.**

- § 1. WHEREAS, America's cities, towns and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and
- § 2. 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
- § 3. 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
- § 4. 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
- § 5. WHEREAS, communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, cities in Oklahoma rely heavily on sales tax revenue for operational expenses and because of the extraordinary measures taken to protect the public health while continuing to provide essential services to our residents, the City of Norman is anticipating unprecedented revenue shortfalls; and
- § 7. 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 BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. That, Congress is urged to allocate fair and direct federal support to all of America's communities, regardless of population size; and
- § 9. 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, and other economic engines; and
- § 10. That, local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy; and

§ 11. That, funding will keep middle class workers employed and critical services operating; and

§ 12. That, Norman has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk