

**PROCLAMATION TO REQUEST
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR
STATE AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, The novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19 has swiftly and severely impacted millions of people in the United States of America, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy, along with other cities, counties, and states around the nation have shut down commerce and travel through *Stay at Home* Orders designed to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, These shutdown measures have been necessary to flatten the infection curve and save the lives of millions of people; and

WHEREAS, These shutdown measures have, and continue to cause, significant financial ramifications for individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, and units of governments; and

WHEREAS, Citizens and businesses rely on local governments like the City of Troy to provide the infrastructure maintenance and essential services that support health, safety, and economic welfare for our communities; and

WHEREAS, The majority of local governments around the United States are still recovering financially from the effects of the Great Recession in the late 2000's, and lack the resources to maintain services with significant reductions to our revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 shutdown will significantly reduce local government gas, sales, and income tax revenue sharing to a point where reductions in service will be the only option; and

WHEREAS, Strong local governments have proven time and time again to be a critical part of the economic recovery from health and financial crises for the businesses and citizens we serve; and

WHEREAS, The United States federal government has previously provided financial support for businesses and individuals through legislative action to mitigate the long-term financial impact of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Additional financial support is necessary specifically for state and local governments to continue to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of our communities through services such as Police, Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, road and infrastructure maintenance, and cultural and recreational opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council officially requests that our federal legislative representatives enact legislation that reimburses communities for lost sales, gas, and income tax revenues that directly provide for critical public safety and infrastructure maintenance services that are fundamentally necessary to support the health, safety, and economic welfare of our citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Troy officially requests that our federal legislative representatives enact legislation that will provide relief funding to maintain the cultural and recreational services that have been shut down during this crisis, and that will be essential to the economic recovery from this crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to distribute this Proclamation to the City of Troy's Federal Legislative Representatives.

Approved on this 18th day of May, 2020.