RESOLUTION 2020-90

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE DIRECT STABILIZATION FUNDING TO MORRIS COUNTY FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AND TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE \$3.4 BILLION RECEIVED BY THE STATE

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has severely impacted the population and economy of the entire World; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morris has to date been severely impacted by this virus with 309 residents who have lost their life thus far during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, due to this pandemic the County of Morris has had to undertake immediate plans of action to both identify those individuals infected with the virus and to initiate unanticipated costly yet critical strategic plans relative to the prevention of the continued spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, \$3.44 billion has been allocated to the State New Jersey from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, established by the CARES Act, which was signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Fund provides a direct payment to the State of New Jersey, as well as provided over 1 Billion Dollars of direct payments to New Jersey counties with populations greater than 500,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, Morris County, with a population that is just 1.6% below the threshold of 500,000, is not expected to receive a direct payment from the federal government, and thus will have to rely solely on a share of the state's allotment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Mount Arlington supports the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Morris in urging the State of New Jersey to allocate a portion of the \$3.44 billion providing for the direct stabilization funding to Morris County from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in an amount consistent with the allocation made to counties that have populations slightly over 500,000, by utilizing the formula applied through the CARES Act. This funding is critical to Morris County's ability to continue its efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and work to keep our constituents safe.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this resolution of support be sent to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Governor Phil Murphy, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Y. Oliver, Senator Anthony M. Bucco Speaker of the General Assembly Craig J. Coughlin, Assemblyman Brian Bergen, Senate President Senator Stephen M. Sweeney, Assemblywoman Aura Dunn and the League of Municipalities.

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and correct Resolution of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, and adopted on June 2, 2020.

Acting Borough Clerk