

**IRON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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COMMISSIONERS:
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**RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT THE RELEASE OF FEDERAL COVID FUNDS**

Whereas; it has been three months since the Federal Government allocated nearly \$5 billion dollars in COVID relief funds to the State of Michigan; and

Whereas; these funds were intended to provide crucial relief to small businesses, public health and education in our state; and

Whereas; the state legislature passed legislation appropriating \$3.5 billion towards these priorities, including nearly \$555 million in small business relief funds; and

Whereas; despite bipartisan support for the small business relief proposals, the Governor vetoes all \$555 million, citing "key points of difference" between her administration and the state legislature; and

Whereas; these proposals were promptly repackaged into subsequent legislation and sent back to the Governor's desk, and

Whereas; on Friday, March 26, 2021, these proposals were vetoed by Governor Whitmer for a second time; and

Whereas; the State of Michigan is due to receive another \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act, and;

Whereas; Lansing still has not found a path forward on fully appropriating the \$5 billion it already received; and

Whereas; if there is one thing state leaders should agree on, it is getting help to the struggling small businesses in our state; and

Whereas; it is imperative these funds be disbursed to job providers who are still fighting for solvency and survival; and

Whereas; passing state budgets are a shared responsibility between both branches and both political parties.

Now, Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved; that the Iron County Board of Commissioners urges Governor Whitmer's Administration and the Michigan Legislature to reach a compromise on their recommended relief initiatives, in the very near future, and release these funds into the hands of the businesses and communities that need it most.

Be It Further Resolved; that the Board of Commissioners directs staff to forward this resolution to all Michigan counties, our State Legislatures, the Governor's office and the Michigan Association of Counties.

At the April 13, 2021 meeting of the Iron County Board of Commissioners the Resolution was offered for approval by:

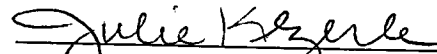
Commissioner Stauber with support by Commissioner Ofsdahl

Ayes: Conery, Peretto, Ofsdahl, Stafford, Stauber

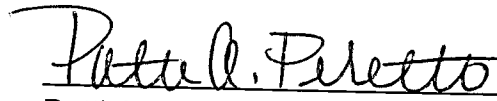
Nays: none

Absent: none

MOTION PASSED



Julie Kezerle, It's Clerk



Patti A. Peretto, It's Chair

