

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31949

A RESOLUTION in support of fair, direct, and federal emergency support to reopen and rebuild local American economies; and stating that a fully funded Seattle is essential to economic recovery.

WHEREAS, America's cities, towns, and villages face unprecedented threats due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

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

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

WHEREAS, 3,000,000 critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, communities have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the emergency; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is facing a \$300 million budget shortfall from the COVID-19 emergency due to the City's expected revenue loss; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle has increased emergency expenditures for rental assistance, grocery vouchers, small business stabilization grants, and expanded shelter services for our most vulnerable residents in addition to providing our first responders with personal protective equipment and coronavirus testing; and

1 WHEREAS, the City has redeployed department staff to the emergency response at a cost of
2 almost \$46 million, with additional overtime of \$8.5 million; and


3 WHEREAS, this crisis is especially impacting Seattle's most vulnerable communities including
4 undocumented residents, communities of color, and people living unsheltered; and

5 WHEREAS, America's rural communities and small towns are struggling just as much as big
6 cities and risk being left behind or wiped out entirely; NOW, THEREFORE,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
8 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

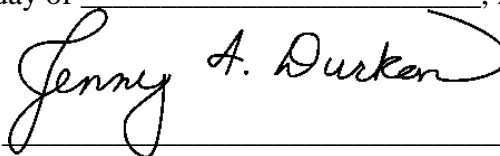
9 Section 1. The City of Seattle calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support
10 to all of America's communities, regardless of population size. This funding must be flexible and
11 address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic
12 emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce,
13 tourism, other economic engines. A fully funded City of Seattle is essential to economic
14 recovery. Local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and
15 reopen the national economy and that funding will keep middle class workers employed and
16 critical services operating. The City of Seattle has been part of the emergency response and now
17 calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, and prosperous life.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 29th day of June, 2020,
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 29th day of
3 June, 2020.




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5 President _____ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 10th day of July, 2020.



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8 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 10th day of July, 2020.



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11 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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