



PROCLAMATION

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 estimated budgetary shortfalls of up to \$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, three million critical municipal worker jobs are at risk, threatening cuts to basic community services, including 9-1-1 response, sanitation, and infrastructure maintenance; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is anticipating significant decreases in revenues, which in turn may compromise the ability for the City to provide adequate essential services to its citizens businesses; and

WHEREAS, America's rural communities and small and medium sized municipalities are struggling just as much as big cities and are more at risk of being left behind or wiped out entirely; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Seminole calls on Congress to allocate fair and direct federal support to **ALL** of America's communities, regardless of population size; and

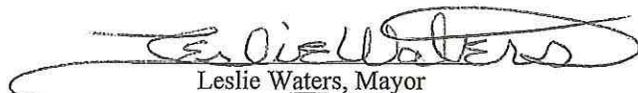
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this funding must be flexible and address not only the additional expenses incurred by communities to respond to the pandemic emergency, but also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from pauses in commerce, tourism, and other economic engines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local governments will ensure federal funds are immediately used to rebuild and reopen the national economy; and that funding will keep middle class workers employed and critical public services operating; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Seminole has been part of the emergency response and now calls on Congress to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, and prosperous recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida to be affixed this 26th day of May, 2020.




Leslie Waters, Mayor