

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

URGING COMPROMISE THAT WOULD RELEASE RELIEF FUNDS

WHEREAS, it has been three months since the Federal Government allocated nearly \$5 billion dollars in COVID relief funds to 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 line-item vetoed 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 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 Alger County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature leaders to resolve their differences and enact legislation to put much needed funding into the treasuries of local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs staff to forward this resolution to all Michigan counties, our State Legislature, the Governor's office, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk

Dated: May 17, 2021

