

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuylers, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13-IC

RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO AND THE DIVISION OF BUDGET TO RELEASE OVERDUE PAYMENTS TO ALL COUNTIES

Offered by: the Inter-County Association of Western New York

WHEREAS, the enacted budget for State Fiscal Year 2021 authorizes the State Budget Director to adjust all appropriations, including capital and operating aid, based on whether the State Financial Plan is out of balance by more than one percent during any measurement period, and

WHEREAS, if the State Financial Plan is out of balance, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has the authority to make reductions as necessary to bring the State Financial Plan back into balance with reductions uniformly across-the-board to the extent practicable or by specific appropriations as needed, and

WHEREAS, the measurement periods for April 1, 2020, to April 30, 2020, and May 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020, have already passed with no announcement what specific appropriations are slated for reductions or how much reductions are necessary, and

WHEREAS, although no formal reductions to appropriations have been made, New York State has been extraordinarily delinquent in the payment of claims to counties in New York State accumulating debt properly due to counties either through the provision of mandated services, specific State legislation, or contractual relationships with counties entered into with New York State, and

WHEREAS, local government was instructed that all payments on legally due claims must be approved by the New York State Division of Budget, and

WHEREAS, some of these claims are more than four months past due, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Budget's continued delinquency may render Counties unable to adequately administer State mandated services, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Budget's continued delinquency gravely impedes Counties' ability to gain monetary interest on its General Fund balance through prudent investments, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York urge Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the Division of Budget to immediately pay New York State's outstanding debts owed to counties, and

2. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York Secretary is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to state representatives and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 21st day of August 2020 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated August 21, 2020.



Jodi Adams, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York



Sponsored by: Allegany County, Moved by: Pastrick (*Chemung*), Seconded by: Rigby-Riehle (*Allegany*)