

Inter-County Association of Western New York

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7-IC

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE TO RESTORE STATE RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDITS TO COUNTY WORKERS WHO TEMPORARILY LOST THOSE SERVICE CREDITS DUE TO THE COUNTY'S COVID-19 TEMPORARY WORKFORCE REDUCTION

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19 and the President of the United States of America proclaimed a national emergency concerning the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus on March 13, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order 202 on March 7, 2020, as subsequently amended and extended from time to time, also declaring a disaster emergency in the state, and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of County Legislatures have declared a state of emergency within the County with numerous extensions thereafter, and

WHEREAS, the anticipated economic downturn due to this pandemic is expected to burden local taxpayers for years to come, and

WHEREAS, the likelihood is strong that federal and state reimbursements and other external financial supports will be reduced as a result of an ensuing economic decline due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the counties additionally expect to receive less sales tax and other local revenues required to balance its budget, and

WHEREAS, many counties took the unprecedented step of instituting a temporary workforce reduction ("furlough") in order to save taxpayer dollars while, at the same time, utilizing provisions within the U.S. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to ensure that those employees are not financially harmed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. That counties formally request that the Governor of the State of New York, along with both Houses of the New York State Legislature propose and adopt legislation to restore any loss of state retirement service credits by any municipal employee who was furloughed due to any

COVID-19 related temporary workforce reductions.

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 19th day of June 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 June 19, 2020.



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



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