

On motion of TRUSTEE -, seconded by TRUSTEE -, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with the following vote:

Resolution #213-2024

WHEREAS, until 2024, cities, villages, and towns across New York State had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid, known as Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding, for 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson expresses its gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step toward addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such an increase may not continue, thereby jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

WHEREAS, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing, and other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of inflation, increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of residents,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson calls upon Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Peter Harckham, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

Dated: November 20, 2024