

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic are drastic in the United States, with over 1.5 million confirmed COVID-19 cases and 90,000 deaths, approximately 36.5 million first-time unemployment claims, and over 20.5 million jobs lost according to the latest April 2020 U.S. jobs report; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided direct relief to individuals through economic impact payments, strengthened unemployment insurance, provided financial relief for small, medium-sized, and large businesses, and provided funding for public health institutions and local and State governments; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the U.S. Congress, H.R. 6800 (Lowey), also known as the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, would provide \$3 trillion in assistance for local and State governments, provide hazard pay for frontline healthcare workers, and increase funding for COVID-19 testing, tracing, and isolation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act would create new State and Local Coronavirus Relief Funds to help provide hazard pay to first responders, frontline health workers, transit employees, teachers, and other workers that provide vital services during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the HEROES Act would provide additional funds to local (\$375 billion) and State (\$500 billion) governments for COVID-19 related expenses, and replace revenues that are lost, delayed, or reduced as a result of the economic impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, local and State governments are experiencing severe revenue shortfalls due to decreased economic activity as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, which jeopardizes public safety, public health, and essential services for vulnerable and underserved communities within these jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 6800 (Lowey), also known as the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, which would provide \$3 trillion in assistance for local and State governments, provide hazard pay for frontline healthcare workers, and increase funding for COVID-19 testing, tracing, and isolation efforts.

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