

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 19-226

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PATH TO PROGRESS RECOMMENDATIONS
MADE BY NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICY WORKGROUP**

WHEREAS, New Jersey faces a daunting fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, for two decades, while county and municipal governments made the proper pension payments, New Jersey governors from both parties severely underfunded the pension system for teachers and State government workers; and

WHEREAS, while local government pension systems are funded at the national average, the State's unfunded liability for pensions and retiree health benefits now tops \$150 billion – four times the size of the State budget; and

WHEREAS, actuaries project the State will have to increase its pension contributions from \$3.2 billion in this year's budget to \$6.7 billion to reach the Actuarially Required Contribution (ARC) by FY 2023; and

WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise, and New Jersey and its local governments cannot sustain the unparalleled platinum-level benefits that they provide to their employees; and

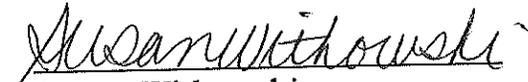
WHEREAS, THE State has held municipal aid flat, moved the Energy Tax Receipts out of the Property Tax Relief Fund, and with the sunset of Chapter 78 relief and the 2% arbitration cap; and

WHEREAS, the State must bring pension and health care costs under control in order to hold down property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Washington, Bergen County expresses its support for the recommendations of the Path to Progress report issued by the New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Workgroup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to District 39 Assemblyman Robert Auth, Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, State Senator Gerald Cardinale, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Paul Sarlo, Senator Steve Oroho, Assembly Majority Leader Greenwald, Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor-Marin, Senator Tony Bucco, Senator Troy Singleton, Senator Dawn Addiego, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Counties, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ATTEST:


Susan Witkowski,
Township Clerk

APPROVED:
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY 
Michael DeSena
Council President

DATED: June 17, 2019

MOTION	SECOND		COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bruno	Bruno	x	Bruno	x			
Cascio	Cascio		Cascio				x
Cumming	Cumming	x	Cumming	x			
DeSena	DeSena		DeSena			x	
Ullman	Ullman		Ullman		x		