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PROPOSED Resolution Opposing the Elimination of AIM Funding

WHEREAS Governor's Cuomo's proposed 2020 NYS Budget includes unprecedented cuts to unrestricted State Revenue Sharing program known as Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) in the amount of 49 million for all municipalities in the State of New York, effectivity eliminating the program, and

WHEREAS this proposed cut would result in a loss of \$42,127 from the Town of Eden's general budget, and

WHEREAS, funding has not been increased in the last several years as unfunded mandates and cost of Town and Village services have risen, and

WHEREAS, if these cuts go through, a shocking 91% of Towns and Villages will permanently lose their AIM funding, and

WHEREAS, incentives for shared services, consolidation, and infrastructure remediation directed by consent orders in no way replace the needed financial assistance to fund and manage the increasing costs of day to day services and capital projects needed in sustainable Town and Village planning and management, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding unfairly punishes State residents, making financial planning aligned with the NYS Tax Cap virtually impossible and

WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing to make the Tax Cap permanent, discontinue the \$65 Million in Extreme Winter Recovery Program and proposes no increase for CHIPs funding, for which there has been widespread vocal support, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding is not proactive, but a method to cut a small percent from the State Budget, yet a significant amount of revenue to Town and Village budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town of Eden strongly opposes the elimination of AIM funding, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the AIM funding benefits all of our residents not only in the Town of Eden but throughout New York State and eliminating it could result in reduction of services, program cuts and layoffs. Every dollar that the State shared is a dollar that doesn't have to be levied on backs of local taxpayers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Senator Patrick Gallivan, Honorable Assemblyman David DiPietro, Honorable Legislature John Mills and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.