RESOLUTION 2020-09

A Resolution of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Requesting the Use of Food and Beverage Funds.

WHEREAS, Indiana is facing a Public Health Emergency and because of the pressure, uncertainty, and financial tension resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the Food and Beverage Industry is critical to the attraction of Conventions and Tourism; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners") understand that Governor Holcomb has ordered all Indiana Restaurants and Bars dining room's closed, creating a hardship for County establishments; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Revenue was contacted regarding this request; and,

WHEREAS, the County Food and Beverage Tax Revenues are derived from establishments outside the City of Bloomington; and,

WHEREAS, this request is to support restaurants outside the City of Bloomington; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners urge the City of Bloomington to provide this support for establishments within the City's municipal limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT APPROVED AS Follows:

- The County Commissioners request to use up to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the County's Food and Beverage Tax Fund, for support of Monroe County, Indiana Food & Beverage establishments, and other businesses that promote tourism located outside the City limits of Bloomington Indiana.
- 2. Monroe County intends to the support to address the needs of the establishments, and may include, but not be limited to, grants and/or interest free loan program.
- 3. Establishments are encouraged to email information regarding the need for support and ways to address the need to FBSupport@co.monroe.in.us.
- 4. To the extent the expenditure of fund occurs during the State Declared Emergency, the Commissioners may appropriate and expend funds as allowed in Monroe County Code 450 and Indiana Code 10-14-3-17(j).
- 5. The Monroe County Board of Commissioners urges the City of Bloomington to provide this support for establishments within the City's municipal limits.

Adopted this day of March, 2020.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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