Tompkins County Council of Governments
Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 01/24/19 03:00 PM
Department: Tompkins County Council of Governments
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ADOPTED

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RESOLUTION NO. 001-2019

Resolution Stating Opposition to Governor's Budget Eliminating AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) Funding

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Bill Goodman, Co-Chair, Town of Ithaca
SECONDER:	Joe Wetmore, Member, Town of Lansing
VOTE:	AYES – 14; NOES – 0; EXCUSED - 3

WHEREAS, for many years, New York State has funded cities, towns and villages with unrestricted State aid, better known as Aid and Incentives to Municipalities ("AIM"), and

WHEREAS, AIM has assisted cities, towns and villages in offsetting the regressive property tax in these municipalities, and

WHEREAS, in the Governor's proposed 2019-2020 budget, AIM has been eliminated for towns and villages unless such aid is more that 2% of their 2017 expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget would eliminate AIM to all of the towns and villages in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the State has already restricted the amount that municipalities can raise from taxes due to the property tax cap, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tompkins County Council of Governments vehemently opposes the elimination of AIM to the towns and villages of Tompkins County, as well as other towns and villages in New York State,

RESOLVED, further, That certified copies of this resolution be delivered to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Office; New York State Senator James Seward; Senator Thomas O'Mara; Senator Pamela Helming; Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senate Majority Leader; Hon. Carl Heastie, Speaker of the New York State Assembly; Assemblyperson Barbara Lifton; New York State Association of Counties; New York State Association of Towns; and the New York State Conference or Mayors, making them fully aware of our opposition to AIM being eliminated for most of the State's towns and villages.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Council of Governments on January 24, 2019.

Michelle Cocco, Staff
Tompkins County Council of Governments