

City of Framingham

The City Council of Framingham



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ORDER NO. 2020-056
REQUEST OF COUNCILOR STEWART-MORALES

UPON THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR STEWART-MORALES, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council votes to send a letter of support of The Heroes Act (H.R. 6800) to President Donald J. Trump, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward J. Markey, and Representative Katherine M. Clark as attached.

YEAS: Bryant, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini, Steiner,
Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Cannon
ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: JUNE 2, 2020

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

3/31/2021

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk



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TO:

President Donald J. Trump
Senator Elizabeth Warren
Senator Edward J. Markey
Representative Katherine M. Clark

June 2, 2020

The Framingham City Council strongly urges you to support The Heroes Act (H.R. 6800), an essential piece of legislation needed to provide aid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Framingham. As of the date of this letter, [95] Framingham residents have died and many members of our community have lost their jobs and are in need of support. The prolonged effect of this pandemic requires resources that only our federal government can adequately address.

The Cares Act was helpful in beginning to address the situation that many Framingham residents found themselves in at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has become necessary for us to advocate for our community at this time and to request the additional support that The Heroes Act promises. The Heroes Act, a \$3 trillion bill passed in the U.S. House of Representatives needs to be passed in the U.S. Senate and signed into law.

The Heroes Act would do the following:

Provide funding for state, local, territorial and tribal governments to pay vital workers like first responders, health workers, and teachers

Establish a Heroes' Fund that will provide hazard pay to essential workers who have risked their lives

Fund Testing, Tracing and Treatment

Fund a second round of Direct Payments of \$1,200 per family member, up to \$6,000 per household

Encourage employers to keep employees on their payroll by providing tax credits

Support small businesses and non-profit organizations by strengthening the Payroll Protection Program

In addition, The Heroes Act would help address issues such as Worker Safety, Unemployment Benefits, Housing Assistance and Food Security.

As one of the largest cities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we have many residents that are struggling as they live through this unprecedented situation. As a commercial hub outside of Boston, we also have many small businesses that are facing this unexpected challenge and doing the best they can to survive. Again, we urge you to support The Heroes Act, the residents of Framingham and our small businesses.

Sent by the 10-0-1 vote of the Framingham City Council on June 2, 2020.

George P. King, Jr.
City Council Chair

Adam C. Steiner
City Council Vice Chair