

**FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION #2019-22**

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

**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 teacher 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 the pension contribution 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**, municipalities cannot address other major cost drivers, such as career-end sick leave payouts in excess of \$100,000, without relief from State government; and

**WHEREAS**, the State must bring pension and health care costs under control before they crowd out all other important spending needs, such as reinvestment in NJ Transit, making higher education more affordable and properly funding state aid to school districts to hold down property taxes.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Franklin hereby expresses its support for the recommendations of the “Path to Progress” report issued by the New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Workshop; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Governor Phil Murphy, Stat House, PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; Honorable Steven V. Oroho, Honorable Parker Space and Honorable Harold J. Wirths, One Wilson Drive, Suite 2B, Sparta, NJ 07871; Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, 935 Kings Highway, Suite 400, West Deptford, NJ 08086; Assembly Speaker Craig J. Conghlin, 569 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095; Senator Paul A. Sarlo, 496 Columbia Boulevard, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075; Assembly Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald, 1101 Laurel Oak Road., Suite 150, Voorhees, NJ 08043; Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor-Marin, 263 Lafayette St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07015; Senator Anthony R. Bucco, 75 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 302, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Denville, NJ 07834; Senator Troy Singleton, 400 North Church St., Suite 260, Moorestown, NJ 08057; Senator Dawn Addiego, 176 Route 70, Suite 13, Medford, NJ 08055; New Jersey Association of Counties, 150 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; New Jersey State League of Municipalities, 222 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, One Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860 and each municipality in Sussex County.

**CERTIFICATION:** I, Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Governing Body held on February, 2019.

  
Darlene J. Tremont, Municipal Clerk

| RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES   |      |       |         |        |
|---------------------------|------|-------|---------|--------|
| COUNCIL MEMBER            | AYES | NAYES | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
| JOSEPH LIMON              |      |       |         | X      |
| JOHN POSTAS               | X    |       |         |        |
| STEPHEN SKELLENGER        | X    |       |         |        |
| GILBERT SNYDER            |      |       |         | X      |
| GLENN SOULES              | X    |       |         |        |
| STEPHAN ZYDON JR.         | X    |       |         |        |
| MAYOR GIORDANO (Tie Only) |      |       |         |        |