

## **RESOLUTION**

A meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Chester was convened on **March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

The following Resolution was duly offered and seconded to wit:

### **24-11 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING**

**WHEREAS** the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

**WHEREAS** city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, New York's local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

**WHEREAS** this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

**WHEREAS** the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

**WHEREAS** the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

**WHEREAS** an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Chester Village Board urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator James Skoufis, Assemblymember Brian Maher and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Christopher Battiato	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Reilly	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Trustee Alan Battiato	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Trustee Brian Boone	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Trustee Anthony Laspina	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]

The Resolution was thereupon duly adopted.