

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 185-2021

A resolution to prohibit the inclusion of the name, likeness, or title of an elected official on any check, direct payment or cash transfer, or any envelope, correspondence or mailing accompanying the same, to homeowners distributed by Nassau County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act

WHEREAS, in March of 2021 the United States Government approved the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist the nation in its recovery from the devastating economic and social impacts that were the result of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA established the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide resources and support to local governments to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and address its economic impacts on their communities, residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ARPA, Nassau County will receive approximately \$385,000,000 to be distributed pursuant to the ARPA statute and guidance issued by the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, ARPA authorizes Nassau County to provide direct financial assistance to households, including cash transfers to address the negative economic impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, such financial assistance shall be provided to qualified Nassau County residents; and

WHEREAS, this financial assistance is funded by the taxpayers of the United States and not by Nassau County or any one County elected official, and as such, the name, likeness or title of any Nassau County elected official should not appear on any check, direct payment or cash transfer, or any envelope, correspondence or mailing accompanying the same to the recipients of ARPA funds as described above; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the name, likeness or title of Nassau County elected officials shall not appear on any check, direct payment or cash transfer, or any envelope, correspondence or mailing accompanying the same, to any resident that receives ARPA funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, all checks issued by Nassau County for the purposes of a direct payment or cash transfer pursuant to ARPA shall be signed by the Nassau County Treasurer and not any other elected official; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Nassau County Treasurer shall include the following written statement to accompany any direct payment or cash transfer pursuant to ARPA: "Please be advised that these funds may be subject to state and federal income taxes."

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately.