

**TOWNSHIP OF FREDON**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**2020-58**

**A CALL FOR REGIONAL REOPENING OF BUSINESSES**

A **RESOLUTION** urging Governor Murphy to reopen businesses in the Township of Fredon and New Jersey in the immediate future.

**WHEREAS**, the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce on August 20, 2020 gave testimony before the New Jersey Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee urging the State consider a regionalized reopening strategy for New Jersey businesses based upon the degree of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Fredon businesses are prepared and New Jersey's economy needs to open before more business are lost as outlined in the "Gateway to Resources for Business Re-opening," prepared by the regional coalition of Hunterdon, Sussex, and Warren Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the regional coalition expressed its concern in a May 28, 2020 letter to the Governor expressing its on-going concern with the "one size fits all" approach to the reopening of the State's economy, and the regional precedent for reopening businesses based upon local conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens and leaders of the Township of Fredon have demonstrated their ability to take proper precautions and measures to control the spread of the virus, which has resulted in the lowest infection rate and lowest new daily cases per capita in the entirety of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey's own COVID-19 Activity Level Report for the weeks of August 8 and 15, 2020 show the current activity level for the Northwest (which comprises Sussex, Morris, Passaic, and Warren Counties) as low with a COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) Score of 1 (the lowest possible score); and

**WHEREAS**, the call for a regional approach to opening, based on data, if there is not a willingness by the Governor to fully reopen the State for business, is a reasonable approach inasmuch as decisive action is needed immediately so businesses will know whether to plan for a further reopening now or a prolonged limit on their business.