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**A Resolution Seeking Federal Financial Assistance**

**Cross Insurance Arena - Cumberland County**

**Whereas**, the County of Cumberland owns and contracts the management of the Cross Insurance Arena as a county enterprise fund; and

**Whereas**, the annual operations of the Cross Insurance Arena account for millions of dollars of economic activity pumped in the Southern Maine economy; and

**Whereas**, the Cross Insurance Arena is a significant employer in the Southern Maine region; and

**Whereas**, the Cross Insurance Arena for the first-time in over ten years was trending to potentially break even this fiscal year, having thirteen events, plus three Maine Mariners games (and multiple playoff games) from March 16th to the end of June 2020; and

**Whereas**, any operating deficits of the Cross Insurance Arena ultimately accrue as a liability for the County of Cumberland's General Fund creating a potentially significant burden on the taxpayers of the Cumberland County; and

**Whereas**, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, business activity at the Cross Insurance Arena has effectively ceased for the foreseeable future subjecting the County of Cumberland to a large and unavoidable financial burden; and

**Whereas**, the Cross Insurance Arena is now being established as a Alternative Care Site by the Maine CDC, Maine Emergency Management and the two regional hospitals in Portland; and

**Whereas**, the Cross Insurance Arena does not currently qualify for federal small business emergency assistance due to its status as a subsidiary operation of county government, and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Commissioners of the County of Cumberland do hereby petition the four members of Maine's Congressional Delegation – Senators Collins and King and Representatives Golden and Pingree – to do all in their power to help alleviate this financial emergency through whatever influence their respective positions might provide.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the County Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and appreciate all of the ongoing efforts of the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, especially during this uniquely challenging time for our state and nation.

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Chairman Thomas Coward  
Monday, April 13, 2020