

## **Town of Clinton Resolution 17 of 2020**

**WHEREAS** travel has a critical role in Dutchess County, New York and the nation's economic prosperity.

**WHEREAS** a robust travel industry has provided significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than \$2.6 trillion in economic output last year, with \$1.1 trillion spent directly by travelers in the U.S.

**WHEREAS** travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 15.8 million jobs in 2019, including 9 million directly in the travel industry and 6.8 million in other industries.

**WHEREAS** spending by travelers has aided state and local governments alike, generating \$180 billion in tax revenue last year to support essential services and programs.

**WHEREAS** visitors in 2018 spent \$642.2 million in Dutchess County, contributed \$79.7 million in county and state taxes, and created 11,024 jobs with a combined income of \$351.9 million for our friends and neighbors.

**WHEREAS** meetings, events and incentive travel have always been a core business function that helps companies strengthen business performance, educate employees and customers, and reward business accomplishments.

**WHEREAS** leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the U.S., spurs countless benefits to travelers' health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, and relationships.

**WHEREAS** businesses and workers in the travel industry were some of the first and hardest hit by the economic crisis resulting from coronavirus.

**WHEREAS** travel and tourism-dependent businesses, 83% of which are small businesses, depend on our community's support through and after this crisis.

**WHEREAS** the leaders of our state's travel and tourism industry truly encapsulate the spirit of our community and our nation.

**WHEREAS** even while the Town of Clinton cannot welcome visitors in person, the spirit of travel and hospitality remains the enduring ethos of the travel industry and Dutchess County.

**WHEREAS** the spirit of travel will be a necessary and prominent component of our return to everyday life and must be supported and protected at all costs.

Therefore, I, Town Supervisor Ray Oberly, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2020 as National Travel and Tourism Week in the Town of Clinton and urge the citizens of to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry places in the Town of Clinton and throughout Dutchess County, New York.

Dated: May 12, 2020



Carol-Jean Mackin, Town Clerk

