

RESOLUTION 2020-9

CONCERNING 2020 BOND ISSUE FOR LIBRARIES

Whereas, New Mexico public libraries provide books and other materials to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of all New Mexicans; and

Whereas, the effectiveness of a library is determined by its ability to deliver current, accurate information in a timely manner through books and materials answering community needs; and

Whereas, advances in technology have made information resources increasingly accessible electronically; and

Whereas, libraries continued to provide critical services throughout the COVID - 19 pandemic including reference and curbside service, access to digital materials, and virtual programming; and

Whereas, the demand for library resources continues to rise while the cost of providing the resources is beyond local funding capacity; and

Whereas, publicly funded libraries have increased their effectiveness by sharing their resources electronically, enabling public, tribal, school and college libraries to coordinate the use of scarce library funds within the community and statewide; and

Whereas, public libraries have experienced a substantial growth in usage, yet many municipalities lack resources to support adequate funding for library collections.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the New Mexico Municipal League endorses legislative passage of a General Obligation bond bill for \$19 million for libraries ~~the Library Acquisition GO Bond "B"~~ on the November 3rd, 2020~~2~~ ~~general~~ election ballot.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 3rd day of September at the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2020 CEDGO Committee Priority: **HIGH**