

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS**

**MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION**

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**R2020: 119 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS URGING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO PERMIT IN-PERSON GRADUATION CEREMONIES SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 (EO 104), implementing aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey. Among other directives, EO104 indefinitely closed all public, private and parochial preschools and elementary and secondary schools to students beginning on March 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order No. 2020-4 from Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management clarified that Executive Order No. 107 (EO 107), signed on March 21, 2020, prohibits gatherings of individuals for parties, celebrations, and other social events, which includes all in-person graduation ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council understands how incredibly disappointing it is to students, teachers and families will miss out on milestone like in-person graduation ceremonies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council urges Governor Murphy to permit local school districts to collaborate with local public health agencies to permit in-person graduation ceremonies subject to adequate social distancing measures; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of in-person graduation ceremony, the Township Council encourages the Parsippany-Troy Hill Board of Education to the consider virtual graduation ceremonies or other means to celebrate graduating seniors.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, that the Township Council hereby urges Governor Murphy to permit local school districts to collaborate with local public health agencies to permit in-person graduation ceremonies subject to adequate social distancing measures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Township officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 19, 2020.

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KHALED MADIN  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT