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NJLM President, Woodbine Borough Mayor William Pikolycky Statement Regarding Governor Murphy's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Address:

Trenton, NJ (March 8, 2022) “As a first generation Ukrainian-American with family still in Ukraine, I am grateful for Governor Murphy’s words of solidarity. On the budget proposal, there is an estimated \$4 billion surplus, but unfortunately the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Municipal Distribution Program (ETR) and the Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) programs have essentially remained flat at Fiscal Year 2010 funding levels. This requires an immediate legislative solution. Further, we appreciate the inclusion of funding to address the affordable housing crisis in the state. Lastly, for the second year in a row, we applaud Governor Murphy’s administration joining local officials in budgeting a full pension payment as, without fail, every year New Jersey municipalities have contributed in excess of \$1 billion annually, which is the statutory mandated amount.”

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