

Resolution to Uphold Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) Recommendations Regarding Face Coverings.

(BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS)

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

WHEREAS, cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others; and

WHEREAS, cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings; and

WHEREAS, cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Franklin County Board of Commissioners supports its cities, townships and villages to pass local ordinances and emergency declarations, as allowable by law, to require residents and visitors in those communities to wear face coverings while in indoor settings such as, but not limited to, retail stores, restaurants, and other workplaces;
2. That the Franklin County of Board of Commissioners encourages and supports the state in taking similar actions to encourage and mandate where appropriate the wearing of face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
3. That wearing a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 has positive implications to the state’s economic recovery and in being able to keep businesses open;

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4. That the Franklin County Public Health staff are available to work with municipal staff and elected officials to provide any assistance and support as would be helpful in the drafting and implementation of such actions;
5. That this resolution shall be in full force until the public health emergency declaration of the Board of Health has been rescinded;
6. That the Clerk to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the cities, townships and villages within Franklin County.

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