

RESOLUTION # 20-21

A RESOLUTION BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS on July 2, 2020 the Governor of Kansas issued Executive Order No. 20-52 mandating the use of face masks in all public areas, businesses, certain situations; and,

WHEREAS K.S.A. 48-925(h) as amended by the 2020 Special Session House Bill 2016, Sec. 33, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of any county to issue an order relating to public health the includes provisions that are less stringent; and

WHEREAS the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners have consulted with the local health officer or other local health officials and following such consultation concerning the requirement of the use of face masks; and,

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the full implementation in regard to use of face masks as defined in the Governor's executive order, is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the County; and,

WHEREAS as of this date there have been 3 reported positive COVID19 cases in Anderson County, all whom have recovered; and,

WHEREAS as the Board of County Commissioners of Anderson County will remain flexible to account for evolving health emergencies posed by COVID19 and revisit the issue should the need arise; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Anderson County, sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the County, Anderson County is hereby exempt from the requirements as set forth in Executive Order 20-52 and determines that the use of face masks in public is not mandatory or required;

THAT the Board strongly encourages its citizens to wear a mask, practice social distancing, practice basic principles of hygiene, and to comply with the guidelines of Executive Order 20-52, but that none of these measures will be compelled by the force of law.

Adopted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2020.