

ALCONA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-13

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO CONTINUING COVID EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDERS FROM LANSING

Whereas, United States Constitution Article. VII. – Ratification - The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same. Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the States present the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth. In Witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names; and

Whereas, the unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence does not guarantee the protection to stay safe or healthy, that is an individual responsibility.; *and*

Whereas, the opening regional map drawn make absolutely no sense. The county north of us has higher urban areas, more cases and is on the least restrictive path to opening where we are lumped in with counties with mass populations (nothing in common geographically); and

Whereas, from Iosco county to Manistee north to the tip there are as of July 31,2020 1114 cases and the Upper Peninsula 454 cases for a total combined 1568. Wayne 12,829, Washtenaw 2,071, Saginaw 1727, Oakland 11,357 Macomb 9,107, Kent 6,426 Genesee 2,775 and Detroit 12,695 have far greater totals; and

Whereas, as a county, prior to your 147 order mask were not always worn and social distancing was not always observed and the current total amount of cases is at 23. When making the statement “Mask’s Save Lives” there was no control group to make the case. I believe we serve as said control group and disprove that statement; and

Whereas, the original concept was to lessen the impact on the hospital system and has been change to keep people from getting the disease. That is an unrealistic and unachievable goal. The orders have gone beyond the original intent; and

Whereas, there has been other unequal treatments of other counties and provision for all the restrictive actions. Secretary of State kiosks for registration and license tab do not exist in this area from a line north of Iosco to Manistee to the Upper Peninsula except for Traverse City and Gaylord, however many locations south of Bay City; and

Whereas, the unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America: (continued)--That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer,

while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security; and

Whereas, we are not advocating to over-throw or abolishment, but if these practices continue, civil disobedience and ignoring the over-reaching and oppressive Executive Orders that have been afflicted on our citizens, akin to the "Boston Tea Party", which was respectful to the cargo vessels but not to the cargo itself. Thoreau declared that if the government required people to participate in injustice by obeying "unjust laws," then people should "break the laws" even if they ended up in prison. "Under a government which imprisons any unjustly," he asserted, "the true place for a just man is also a prison."; and

Whereas, basically using a one size fits all solution when a majority of the hot zones fall below the line from Iosco to Manistee counties has been devastating the north regions economically and damaging "our happiness" (per the original meaning of the phrase).; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Alcona County Commissioners are respectfully requesting you cease issuing any more executive orders concerning matter. That you allow us as a governing to board use our judgement and health resource officer, rather than your lack of knowledge of our local area; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the Alcona County Commissioners will respectfully also request you work with the elected legislative body on this matter, since they were elected to represent us in all matters and not be dictated by one branch which is supposed to be checked by the legislator.; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jim Stamas, House Representative Susan M. Allor, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.

This resolution was adopted by the Alcona County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held at the Alcona County Courthouse, Harrisville, Michigan by an affirmative vote of no less than 3 (three) of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving on this 19th day of August, 2020.

This resolution was offered by Commissioner Gary Wnuk and supported by Commissioner Dan Gauthier.

A roll call vote was taken and this Resolution was passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

Those Commissioners voting in favor: Carolyn Brummund, Craig Johnston, Gary Wnuk, Adam Brege and Dan Gauthier.

Those Commissioners voting against: None.

Those Commissioners abstaining. None.

This Resolution was declared adopted.

Craig Johnston, Board Chairman

Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

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