

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2020

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION recognizing the diminishment of personal freedom when our citizens are required to perform acts by an unelected government body under threat of civil fines and prosecution and calling for a repeal of the mask mandate.

WHEREAS, Marion County Public Health Department is not a democratically elected body; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Caine, the department's director, is not a democratically elected public official; and

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2020, Dr. Caine issued Public Health Order 20-2020, wherein the department ordered masks be worn in Marion County under threat of civil fine and prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Public Health Department and its director operate without checks and balances, which is a hallmark feature of democratic bodies; and

WHEREAS, Personal responsibility of citizens is a cornerstone of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Citizens are trusted to vote, serve on police complaint boards, serve on juries, and make choices for their family; and

WHEREAS, Personal responsibility should be the guiding the principal to encourage the mask wearing rather than prosecution;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The Indianapolis City-County Council, after passage of this special resolution, calls for the implementation of the following actions:

- a) Advise the Marion County Public Health Department to repeal its mask mandate;
- b) Advise the Marion County Public Health Department to dismiss any pending criminal prosecutions premised on violated its mask mandate;
- c) Advise the Marion County Public Health Department to refrain from closing a business or private school based on their mask policy;
- d) Advise businesses and retailers that they may decide their own mask policy; and
- e) Allow individuals to determine whether to wear a mask.

SECTION 2. This Special Resolution acknowledges the validity of mask usage to slow the spread of COVID-19

SECTION 3. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.