

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH, STATE OF IDAHO, REJECTING INFRINGEMENT UPON THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE DISTRICT AS RELATED TO SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) AND ITS VARIANTS OR MUTATIONS

At a special meeting of the Board of Health of Southwest District Health, State of Idaho, on the 4th day of May, 2021, the following Resolution was adopted, to-wit:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence informs us that governments in this nation are instituted for the purpose of securing the unalienable rights of the citizenry, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1, of the Idaho State Constitution informs us that all men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty, and pursuing happiness;

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to U.S. Constitution, and Article I, Section 10, of the Idaho Constitution, memorialize and codify the unalienable right of the citizens of the United States and of Idaho to peaceably assemble;

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States and of Idaho, and, more particularly, those citizens living in Adams, Washington, Payette, Gem, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, are a free people;

WHEREAS, because free people have the right to make their own decisions concerning their own lives and health, and because individuals, not government, are best situated and best suited to make decisions for themselves concerning their own health and happiness, it is not the proper role of government to usurp that right and to substitute its judgment for that of the citizens;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of Southwest District Health believes that citizens living within the District are eminently capable of making responsible decisions concerning their own health and safety and do not require the Board of Health to make those decisions for them;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of Southwest District Health believes it is in the best interest and overall health of District families, schools, and communities that businesses and schools be fully open; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of Southwest District Health recognizes that its members are public servants with a duty to support and protect the citizens, schools, and businesses within the District, all of whom have suffered great hardships because of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) and the State of Idaho's reaction thereto.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Health expressly opposes any and all efforts to infringe upon the rights of the citizens of the District to enjoy life and liberty, to pursue happiness, and to peaceably assemble;

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Health expressly declares its unequivocal faith and confidence in the citizens of the District to make responsible decisions concerning their own health and safety as it relates to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19);

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Health will not infringe upon the rights of the citizens of the District by imposing or enforcing any restrictions or requirements on those citizens regarding their peaceable assembly or daily lives, including, but not limited to, physical distancing, occupancy and attendance limitations, vaccinations and therapeutics, vaccination documentation, or mask wearing, that are in any way related to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19);

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Health supports fully opening schools within the District to promote the overall health of District families, schools, and communities;

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Health will not infringe upon the rights of the businesses and business owners within the District, nor will it impede the ability of the same, to operate their businesses in a manner that they, in their own discretion, deem adequately promotes the health and safety of their employees and patrons.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of May, 2021.

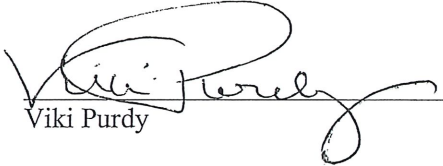
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