## **RESOLUTION 20-11**

## SUPPORTING A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND REGULATION OF THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR

- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and
- WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor declared that a public health emergency exists in Indiana due to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor's declaration of a public health emergency has been repeatedly renewed and currently extends to at least August 3, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend wearing face coverings in public and when around nonhousehold members, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and
- WHEREAS, on July 17, 2020, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Monroe County Health Department issued a public health order that requires face coverings be worn in certain circumstances effective July 17, 2020, and that new regulations regarding the size of gatherings and service in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs be in effect July 31, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, Mayor Hamilton issued Executive Order 20-02 stating that the City wholeheartedly supports the provisions of the County order but moves the effective date of the new regulations on the size of gatherings and service in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to July 23, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Health approved a public health regulation that supports the July 17 Monroe County Health Department public health order; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council concurs that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Bloomington to follow the Monroe County Health Department's public health order, the Board of Health's public health regulation, and Executive Order 20-02 issued by the Mayor, and that these orders and regulations be supported to help prevent the spread of coronavirus within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT;

SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington hereby expresses its approval and support for the Monroe County Health Department's public health order, the Board of Health's public health regulation, and the Mayor's Executive Order 20-02 and urges individuals within the city to follow the requirements contained within these documents.

SECTION 2. The City of Bloomington reserves the right to adopt an ordinance or to issue an order imposing additional regulations needed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of city residents.

STEPHEN VOLAN, President Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

1.6 NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk

City of Bloomington PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 200 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this  $29^{4}$  day of 2020. OHN HAMILTON, Mayor City of Bloomington

## SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses approval and support for the Monroe County Health Department's Public Health Order issued July 17, 2020, the Mayor's Executive Order 20-02 issued July 20, 2020, and the Monroe County Board of Health's Public Health Regulation issed July 21, 2020.

Note: This resolution was revised after release in the Council Legislative Packet but before introduction at the July 22 Regular Session. The revisions included adding langauge to support the Mayor's Executive Order 20-02 and to support the Board of Health's regulation passed July 21.

Distributed to Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, and Mayor.