

A RESOLUTION

TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, it is well recognized that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the disease COVID-19, presents a public health concern that requires extraordinary measures and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a National Emergency for the United States and its territories in an effort to reduce the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina declared a state of emergency in South Carolina pertaining to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and Governor McMaster recognized the severity of the pandemic and recommended public use of face coverings in an Executive Order dated October 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread across the State with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“SCDHEC”) confirming the localized person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in South Carolina, which indicated a significant risk of exposure and infection and creates an extreme public health risk; and

WHEREAS, according to SCDHEC, as of November 12, 2020 the total number of confirmed cases in South Carolina is 190,490 and the number of confirmed deaths is 4,084. The number of confirmed cases in Greenville County is 19,727; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases is growing rapidly and if COVID-19 continues to spread in Greenville County, the number of persons relying on medical, pharmaceutical, and general cleaning supplies will increase, the private and public sector work force will be negatively impacted by absenteeism, and the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally available resources; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and SCDHEC advise the use of face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, taking measures to control outbreaks minimize the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the County's residents, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the County wants to support practices to try and protect the citizens and employees of the County from increased risk of exposure; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, Greenville County Council deems it proper and necessary to adopt this Resolution in order to encourage County residents to use face covering in certain circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Greenville County Council, due to the real and present concern of the spread of COVID-19, strongly recommends and encourages:

- (a) Patrons of grocery stores and pharmacies to wear face coverings while inside the store;
- (b) Restaurants, retail stores, salons, barber shops, grocery stores, and pharmacies to encourage their employees to wear a face covering at all times while having face to face interaction with the public, and
- (c) Individuals in public gatherings where appropriate social distancing cannot be guaranteed to wear face coverings.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

Herman G. Kirven, Jr., Chairman
Greenville County Council

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