

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO ENCOURAGE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS WHILE IN PUBLIC AND IN TOWN BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, Utah Code Section 26A-1-106(2) provides that "regulations or standards relating to public health or environmental health services adopted or established by a local health department may not be less restrictive than [State Department of Health orders];

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagion that spreads from person to person;

WHEREAS, San Juan County continues to have one of the highest cumulative case rates of infection per 100,000 population in the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, since introduction of COVID-19, research has shown that wearing face coverings in public, or when social distancing is not possible, significantly reduces the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Utah has publicly supported the wearing of face coverings in public or when social distancing is not possible but has not made that a legal requirement;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff is a community that has a segment of population that falls within the definition of "vulnerable populations" due, in part, to age and preexisting health conditions;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bluff does not have sufficient medical infrastructure or economic resources to be able to handle multiple cases of COVID-19 should that occur;

WHEREAS, government, community organizations, and businesses must do their respective parts to slow the transmission of COVID-19 in order to enhance and improve the health, safety and welfare of our community;

WHEREAS, the Business Owners of Bluff have advised the Bluff Town Council that a resolution supporting the wearing of face coverings in public and in town businesses would support the business owners in requiring a face covering in order to access local businesses; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of Bluff residents and visitors, the Bluff Town Council supports wearing face coverings while in public and while in town businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Support for Wearing Face Coverings in Public and in Bluff Businesses. The Town Council supports the wearing of face coverings in public and in Bluff Businesses.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH, ON THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 2020 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Mayor Leppanen	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Murray	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sayers	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	___	___	___

Mayor: *A*
Mayor Ann K. Leppanen 7/7/2020

Attest: *Undo Sosa*
Town Recorder Sosa 7/8/20

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