

RESOLUTION 8 - 24

**INDIVIDUAL HEALTH DECISIONS PERTAINING TO COVID-19 GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWNS,
VACCINE AND MASK MANDATES**

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 mandating face coverings (masks) throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, some studies show vaccines and masks are not an effective way to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declared Wisconsin's statewide mask mandate invalid; and

WHEREAS, when dealing with the local conditions related to the COVID-19 virus, local authorities should exercise common sense; and

WHEREAS, health decisions are best made by individuals, not government; and

WHEREAS, it is the right of individuals to choose whether to wear a mask and whether to be vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, citizens have lived with COVID-19 for over 3 years and have been provided information regarding how to protect themselves from COVID-19 and are fully capable of making their own decisions; and

WHEREAS, lockdowns, vaccine, and mask mandates have been shown to have a negative impact on economies and mental health; and

WHEREAS, some entities are considering and have imposed new mask mandates in response to an apparent resurgence of the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, that it encourages individuals to make educated personal healthcare decisions to continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors does not intend to support nor impose any lockdowns, vaccine, or mask mandates related to COVID-19 or its variants; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors wishes to communicate to the people of Lafayette County and to state and federal authorities:

- In the absence of a state or federal lockdown, vaccine or mask mandate, Lafayette County does not intend to create or enforce a mandate; and
- If the state or federal government creates a lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Lafayette County shall not voluntarily use its resources in support of the same and shall comply only to the extent required by law or superior authority; and
- As a statement of policy, Lafayette County believes that such mandates are not proper; and
- As a matter of Constitutional Law, Lafayette County believes that the prior precedent should not apply to current circumstances; and

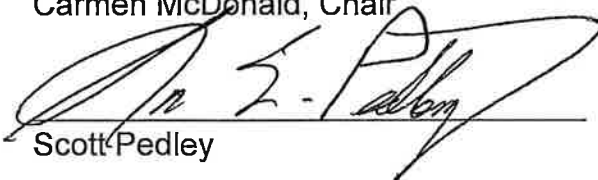
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Lafayette County's state and federal delegations, Governor Evers, all other Wisconsin Counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully Submitted


EXECUTIVE RULES & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE


Carmen McDonald, Chair


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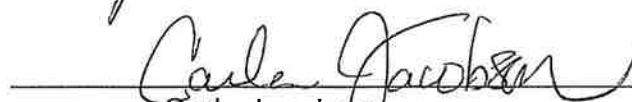

Larry Ludlum


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LEGAL NOTE: Within County Board Authority.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact.

I, Carla Jacobson, Clerk of the County of Lafayette, State of Wisconsin, do certify that this resolution was adopted by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, at a meeting held on May 31, 2024.


Carla Jacobson
Lafayette County Clerk