

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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COUNTY OF LANCASTER )

RESOLUTION NO. 1098 - R2020

**A RESOLUTION**

**ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of South Carolina (the "State") issued Executive Order 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the COVID-19 poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State has subsequently declared a continued State of Emergency in Executive Orders 2020-15 (March 28), 2020-23 (April 12), 2020-29 (April 27), 2020-35 (May 12), 2020-38 (May 27), and 2020-40 (June 11); 2020-42 (June 26), 2020-44 (July 11), 2020-48 (July 26), and again by Executive Order 2020-50 on August 2, 2020, in which he urged counties of this State to enact appropriate legislative measures to encourage or require the use of face coverings in public; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is experiencing a dramatic increase in the number of identified new COVID-19 cases, and as of August 2, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") is reporting that there have been 91,257 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,709 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, if COVID-19 cases continue to increase in the State, the demand for medical, pharmaceutical, personal, and general cleaning supplies may overwhelm sources of supply; the private and public sector work force may be negatively impacted by absenteeism; and the demand for medical facilities may exceed locally available resources;

**WHEREAS**, health authorities, including the CDC, the Surgeon General of the United States, and DHEC have recommended the use of face coverings as a means of preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County Council has determined, based on the recommendations of public health experts and responsive to a serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, that it would serve the public interest to strongly urge all individuals to wear face coverings in certain situations and locations while in public places and when social distancing cannot be achieved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of the County of Lancaster, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled, that due to the real and present concern of the spread of COVID-19:

1. Face coverings are encouraged for all patrons and employees of any Retail Establishment or Foodservice Establishment, as well as for patrons and employees of all County owned facilities where social distancing is not possible; and,

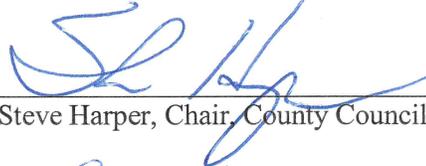
2. The Lancaster County Administrator is directed to utilize county resources to further educational measures throughout the County by providing a signage template for interested businesses seeking to encourage the wearing of facemasks in a business establishment and if necessary, utilize county management discretionary funds, up to the procurement limit, to promote protective measures throughout the county with the distribution of signage and the provision of PPE and/or masks to county businesses.

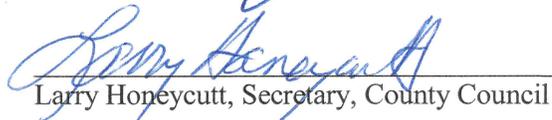
This Resolution shall become effective immediately. All orders, resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED**

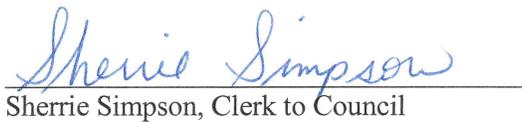
Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

**LANCASTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

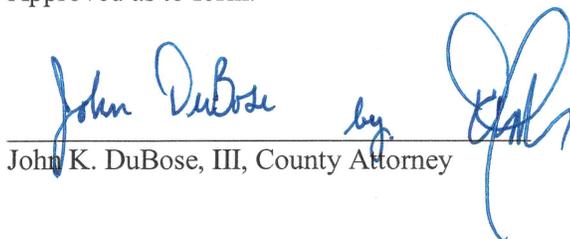
  
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Steve Harper, Chair, County Council

  
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Larry Honeycutt, Secretary, County Council

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Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council

Approved as to form:

  
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John K. DuBose, III, County Attorney