

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2020-15

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR LESS STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS THAN THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52.

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2020 the Governor of the State of Kansas signed Executive Order 20-52, mandating the wearing of masks in public; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-925(h), as amended by House Bill 2016, provides that, "The board of county commissioners of any county may issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the governor. Any board of county commissioners issuing such an order must make the following findings and include such findings in the order:

- (1) The board has consulted with the local health officer or other local health officials regarding the governor's executive order;
- (2) following such consultation, implementation of the full scope of the provisions in the governor's executive order are not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county; and
- (3) all other relevant findings to support the board's decision;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas have consulted with the Kiowa County Health Officer regarding Governor's Executive Order 20-52; and

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas find and order as follows:

1. That Kiowa County, Kansas is a rural county that has only had 3 cases of COVID-19 and all 3 cases have since recovered; and
2. That after consultation with the Kiowa County Health Officer the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas find that implementation of the full scope of the provisions in the Governor's Executive Order 20-52 are not necessary to protect the public health and safety of Kiowa County; and
3. Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Kiowa County, Kansas hereby order that it shall be recommended that all residents of Kiowa County, Kansas, follow the provisions of Governor's Executive Order 20-52, but the provisions of said Executive Order 20-52 shall not be mandatory in Kiowa County, Kansas.

Passed and Adopted this 6th day of July, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS:

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Ron Freeman, Chairman

John Bertram
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Attest Kristi Cooper
Kristi Cooper, County Clerk