RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-4

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR LESS STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS THAN THE PROVISIONS OF GOVERNOR'S EXEUCTIVE ORDER 21-14.

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2021 the Governor of the State of Kansas signed Executive Order 21-14, establishing a face coverings protocol; and.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 48-925(h)(1), 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:

- (A) The board has consulted with the local health officer or other local health officials regarding the governor's executive order;
- (B) 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
 - (C) 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 the continued necessity of an order requiring face coverings in Kiowa County, Kansas, in light of the substantial decrease in active cases and the availability of the vaccine; 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:

- 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 21-14, establishing a face coverings protocol, are not necessary to protect the public health and safety of Kiowa County; and
- 2. 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 21-14, but the provisions of said Executive Order 21-14 shall not be mandatory in Kiowa County, Kansas.

Passed and Adopted this, day of
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIOWA COUNTY, KANSAS: John Bertram, Chairman
David White, Vice-Chairman
Bert Lowery Attest

Kristi Cooper, County Clerk