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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROHIBITING ANY ENTITY FROM ESTABLISHING A VACCINE REQUIREMENT OR PROOF OF VACCINE REQUIREMENT TO ENJOY ANY BENEFIT OR EXERCISE ANY RIGHT HELD BY CITIZENS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Chapter 244 of the Nevada Revised Statutes establishes the County's authority to regulate matters of local concern, including the public health, safety and welfare of those in the County;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that Nevada recognizes the right of its residents to make medical decisions for themselves, in accordance with their personal and/or religious beliefs;

WHEREAS, Chapter 449A recognizes every patient's right to refuse medical treatment and the right to retain his or her privacy concerning the patient's medical care;

WHEREAS, both the United States Constitution and the Nevada Constitution prohibit infringement on religious liberty and unlawful searches and seizures;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA, hereby resolves:

THAT NO ENTITY SHALL ESTABLISH A VACCINE REQUIREMENT OR PROOF OF VACCINE REQUIREMENT TO ENJOY ANY BENEFIT OR EXERCISE ANY RIGHT HELD BY CITIZENS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY.

THAT IN RESPONSE TO THIS DECLARATION, THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY:

- I. That no business, entity, or organization in White Pine County shall require any person to receive a vaccination, or be required to show proof of a vaccination, as a condition of employment.
- II. That no business, entity, or organization in White Pine County shall require any person to receive a vaccination, or be required to show proof of a vaccination, as a condition of patronizing any business, entity, or organization.
- III. That as individuals are encouraged to make medical decisions with his or her informed consent, in concert with the medical provider of his or her choosing, and has the right to maintain his or her privacy regarding said decisions, no business, entity, or organization shall interfere with those rights in any way.

THAT WHITE PINE COUNTY WILL NOT REQUIRE NOR WILL IT ENFORCE ANY MANDATE THAT REQUIRES PERSONS TO WEAR MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS.

THAT IN RESPONSE TO THIS DECLARATION, THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY:

- I. That White Pine County will issue no mask or face covering mandates.
- II. That White Pine County will not enforce any mask or face covering mandates issued by any outside agency.
- III. That all signage requiring masks or face coverings shall be removed from all County facilities.
- IV. That all County employees are empowered to make their own decisions regarding whether to wear a mask, with which such decision shall not be interfered.
- V. That in an effort to combat economic damage resulting from enforcement of the Governor's "emergency directives," the Board of County Commissioners hereby continues the establishment of an "Economic Relief Fund" for business who have incurred Governor-emergency-directive-related expenses in the form of fines, penalties, or legal fees. The Fund shall be created from the County's General Fund in the amount of \$50,000 and shall be administered on a first come, first served basis by the Board of County Commissioners. Those seeking reimbursement from the Fund shall submit proof of their expenses to the White Pine County Clerk, who in turn, will place an action item for possible reimbursement of the expense on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners hereby retains unto itself the sole discretion to award funds based on the facts presented to it by each applicant.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2021

Approved:

Richard Howe, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
White Pine County, Nevada

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board