

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF  
COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

MEDICAL FREEDOM RESOLUTION )  
TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT TO PERSONAL CHOICE )  
REGARDING THE USE OF MASKS AND VACCINES )  
DURING DISEASE OUTBREAKS )

NO. 23-098

WHEREAS, WA State Law RCW 70.05.060 establishes the responsibility to supervise the preservation of the lives and health of people in COWLITZ county through the Cowlitz County Board of Health (B.O.H.); and

WHEREAS, the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners has previously passed Resolution #21-005 of January 12th, 2021 which was both uncontested and unanimous recognizing that citizens can make responsible decisions that don't need mandates; and

WHEREAS the four principles of medical ethics, being 1) respect for bodily autonomy, 2) beneficence, 3) nonmaleficence (Do No Harm), and 4) justice, and the tenets of informed consent are imperative in the practice of medicine and health care, and

WHEREAS, lock-downs, quarantines and mandates have proven harmful to children's mental health and education, while at the same time the infection fatality rate for COVID-19 was and is less than 1% in adults, and a fraction of that in children, and during all phases of the 'pandemic', 'COVID deaths' were skyrocketing even while influenza deaths completely disappeared from statistical data; and

WHEREAS, Citizens have expressed there is NO Constitutional authority to restrict individual unalienable human rights that are given to us by God and are protected in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article 1, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is no conclusive medical evidence that such mandates produced a demonstrable decrease in disease; and

WHEREAS, Cowlitz County and the state of Washington suffered immeasurable economic and societal harms as a result of Governor's proclamations that have been pursued in a non-uniform, unequal and arbitrary manner along with unfair mandates, restrictions and forced business closures have led to the destruction of commerce, jobs and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, citizens have personal and practical recourse to choose their own guidelines to mitigate their personal risk of contagion with viruses, diseases or illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the children of state residents were denied access to appropriate education, for which taxes continue to be paid; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal mandates irreparably harmed millions of our precious Senior Citizens by the unnecessary use of lockdowns, restrictions and mask rules that isolated them from normal social interactions, basic caregiver access, and from their family and loved ones, causing a dramatic worsening of loneliness, stress, anxiety, and depression, increasing the risk for dementia and of death from all causes; and

WHEREAS, citizens have expressed that constitutional rights were violated through discrimination based on medical and vaccine status at the same time that federal and state health agencies failed to be transparent, forthright, and consistent in protecting medical freedom of the people of Cowlitz County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cowlitz County Board of Health that: 23-098

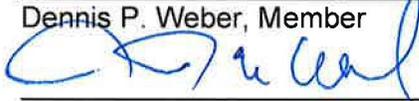
1. Coercion and undue influence shall not be used to compel any individual to use a medical intervention.
2. Cowlitz County shall not force any individual person to put something 'onto' or 'into' an individual's body without informed consent of said individual and respect their right of refusal.
3. That the inalienable right to medical, religious, and conscientious exemption from any medical intervention requirement shall be considered.
4. That reasonable accommodation to the use of an exemption to a required medical intervention shall respect the full body of science regarding the intervention declined, the medical condition the intervention is meant to prevent, and naturally acquired protection.
5. That any Public Health Emergency of International Concern (P.H.E.I.C) should not be unilaterally imposed on our county.
6. Cowlitz County hereby affirms the right of its citizens to make personal choices regarding the use of masks and face coverings and vaccines, acknowledging the individuals' autonomous right to make health decisions based on their personal beliefs, circumstances, and discernment.

**This resolution shall take effect immediately.**

PASSED IN OPEN SESSION THIS 21 day of November 2023

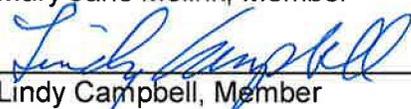
  
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