

We, the undersigned members of the Georgetown Township Board in Ottawa County, Michigan, believe that we are representing a majority of our constituents by adopting the following resolution and asserting that wearing a mask should be a choice. We are expressing our opposition to the Ottawa County Health Department's mandate requiring all students from kindergarten through sixth grade to wear a mask at school.

We, the undersigned members of the Georgetown Township Board in Ottawa County, Michigan, support and adopt the following resolution.

Whereas, currently some of the greatest frustration in Georgetown Township is occurring in our K-6 schools around the issue of mask mandates, and

Whereas, we believe that while local decision-making is important, individual decision-making by a parent on issues regarding the health and well-being of their child is most important because no one cares more about the health and well-being of a child than a parent, and

Whereas, under the guiding hand of Almighty God, our Nation was designed and created as a constitutional republic, with a government "*of the people, by the people, for the people,*" in which the people yield their consent to be governed by representation selected through free, open, fair and transparent elections, and

Whereas, we were elected to represent the people of Georgetown Township and, per the statistical information available to us, that we are representing a majority of the residents of Georgetown Township in supporting the wearing of a mask as a choice for each individual family with school-aged children, and

Whereas, we believe, as per the information available to us from the more than a year and a half of study and data on COVID-19, that there is a lack of mask effectiveness, and

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature has duly instituted specific guidelines and limitations for the Michigan Department and Health and Human Services, along with local Health Officers, as articulated in MCL 333.2451, MCL 333.2453 and MCL 333.2226(d), allowing the MDHHS and local Health Officers to promulgate and mandate certain procedures and precautions *only* in the face of *imminent danger*, to safeguard the public health and to insure the continuation of essential public health services, and

Whereas, the statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention further indicates that Ottawa County has averaged below one COVID-19 related death per week since February 1, 2021.

Therefore be it Resolved, we believe that the current COVID-19 situation does NOT represent an imminent danger to the health or lives of elementary students such as to warrant such extreme and unjustified mask protocols for elementary-aged students in Georgetown Township, and

Therefore be it Further Resolved, we believe the "mask mandate" declaration, instituted by the Administrative Health Officer of the Ottawa County Department of Public Health on August 20, 2021, should be overruled by whatever means appropriate and lawful, and that the decisions regarding mask mandates should be left as a choice to be made by the parents of school-age children.

Therefore be it Further Resolved, we believe parents should have the ultimate decision-making for their individual child's health and well-being by declaring the wearing of a mask to be a choice. This declaration is pro parent-choice and is not anti-masking. This declaration is not advocating to dictate to anyone that they shall not wear a mask, but rather advocating for parents to have the responsibility to evaluate the risk assessments for their own children and to choose if they should wear a mask.

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