

**RESOLUTION 2020-09**

**A Resolution regarding the use of face masks for public health and safety resulting from the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, anticipates the Governor of Kansas to issue an executive order mandating the use of face masks in all public areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, Such mandate will likely include criminal and/or civil penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kansas law authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health that include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor of Kansas; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners has consulted with the Doniphan County Local Health Officer and following such consultation concerning the implementation of the use of face masks, as is anticipated in the Governor's executive order, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the use of face masks in public is not required but is strongly recommended to protect the public health and safety of the most vulnerable in our County;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Doniphan County, Kansas, sitting both as the Board of County Commissioners and as the Board of Health of Doniphan County, Kansas, determines the use of face masks in public is recommended but not required in Doniphan County, Kansas.

Adopted the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ACTING AS THE DONIPHAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Thad G. Geiger, Chairman**

**Timothy D. Collins, Member**

**Jerry P. McKernan, Member**

**Attest: Peggy Franken, County Clerk**

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