

RESOLUTION # 20-13

A resolution regarding the mandatory use of face masks.

WHEREAS the Governor of Kansas has issued an executive order this week 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; and,

WHEREAS the board has consulted with the 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, and the board has determined that the mandatory use of face masks in public is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county; and,

WHEREAS as of this date there has been one confirmed case of coronavirus in Elk County and zero deaths, and no community spread; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners wants to give flexibility to the citizens of Elk County to put in place, at their own discretion, protocols for their personal safety, business operations and the operations of the various school districts within Elk County; and

WHEREAS the Board encourages citizens to voluntarily limit non-essential travel, stay home when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, practice social distancing, and use face masks when social distancing is not possible, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

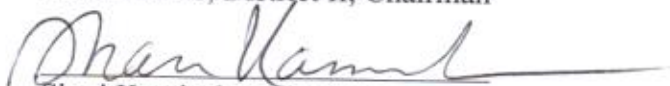
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Elk County, Kansas, determines that the use of face masks in public is not required in Elk County, Kansas. This will be the policy unless circumstances merit a revision of this policy.

Adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ELK COUNTY, KANSAS

  
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Attest:

Kerry Harrod  
Kerry Harrod, County Clerk

