

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF FACE MASKS OR COVERINGS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA/MUSCOGEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the CDC, Dr. Kathleen Toomey (Georgia's Commissioner of Public Health), and Governor Kemp through Executive Order 05.12.20.02, and subsequent Executive Orders, have recommended that individuals wear facial coverings over the nose and mouth to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 when they are in public places where they cannot practice social distancing (i.e., stay at least six feet away from other individuals who do not share the same household); and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that wearing a facial covering over the nose is a recommended precaution designed to prevent symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have contracted COVID-19 from spreading it to other individuals; and

WHEREAS, this Mayor and Council desire to protect individuals in said vulnerable populations and other populations at risk in a reasonable manner and as recommended by the CDC and by the Georgia Department of Public Health, while such individuals is a recommended precaution designed to prevent symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals who have contracted COVID-19 from spreading it to other individuals; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of infection, hospitalization and death in the territorial limits of Columbus, Georgia/ Muscogee County, continues to increase, signifying the continued spread of the highly contagious and deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, this continued increase is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens of Columbus, especially individuals in vulnerable populations and other populations at risk.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

For the protection of all members of the public, including members of vulnerable populations and members of other populations at risk, facial

coverings or masks shall be recommended and strongly encouraged in public places within Columbus, Georgia to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

Let a copy of this Resolution be posted in a prominent place on the Columbus Consolidated Government's website and released to the media.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 14th day of July, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor House	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor