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Shasta County Board of Supervisors Adopts Resolution to Oppose Overreaching State Mandates Related to COVID-19

Shasta County, CA – In the September 26, 2023, meeting of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, the Board adopted a resolution which expresses their opposition to any overreaching government mandate related to COVID-19 or other health pandemics which impact individual liberties, particularly as they may relate to each person's right to make their own health-related decisions.

The resolution enables the Board to express its view that it will not support the imposition of pandemic-related overreaching involuntary mandates because each person has the right to make their own decisions, particularly when it relates to their own health and the health of their family.

This resolution enables the Board to express that vaccine mandates, mandatory masking, mandatory testing, and compulsory lockdowns are not effective, long-term, at preventing exposure to COVID-19.

The Board of Supervisors does not support any overreaching, involuntary government mandate(s) related to COVID-19 or other health pandemic(s) which:

- 1. Requires a person to wear a mask or any other face covering.
- 2. Requires a person to test for COVID-19.
- 3. Requires a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.
- 4. Requires a business, non-profit organization, or place of worship to close or alter their hours of operation due to a health mandate.
- 5. Confines a citizen to their home or residence or otherwise restricts individual freedom of movement, association, or assembly, or the ability to partake in lawful activities.

The Shasta County Board of Supervisors will consider all appropriate legal avenues to support the beliefs stated in the Resolution and to the extent legally allowed, oppose government departments, agencies, and entities that impose such involuntary public health mandates and requirements on the citizens of Shasta County.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA OPPOSING OVERREACHING GOVERNMENT MANDATES

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of California and the County of Shasta were subjected to Executive Orders and other government imposed, overreaching mandates during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result of associated mandates, unquantifiable damage was done to local businesses, the economy, and individual citizens in the form of mental, emotional, and stress-induced anxiety; and

WHEREAS, mandatory masking, vaccine mandates, and compulsory lockdowns have not effectively prevented exposure to COVID-19 over a long-term duration for the general population; and

WHEREAS, these mandates adversely impact personal liberty and individual rights to which every citizen is entitled and which are enumerated in the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors is concerned for the well-being and personal liberty of all Shasta County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors does not support any overreaching government mandate related to COVID-19 or other health pandemic(s) which:

- 1) Requires a person to wear a mask or any other face covering;
- 2) Requires a person to receive a vaccine;
- 3) Requires a local business to close or alter their business hours of operation due to a health mandate; and
- 4) Confines a citizen to their home or residence, or otherwise restricts individual freedom of movement to partake in activities, at their own discretion due to a health mandate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shasta County Board of Supervisors will consider all appropriate legal avenues against other government departments, agencies, and entities that impose such enumerated requirements on the citizens of Shasta County.

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DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

AYES:

Supervisors Crye, Garman, Jones, and Kelstrom

NOES:

Supervisor Rickert

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

RECUSE:

None

PATRICK JONES, CHAIR

Board of Supervisors County of Shasta

State of California

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors