

Resolution 2020-23

Resolution Requesting Assistance of the Citizens of Gothenburg to Help Slow the Spread of Covid 19

WHEREAS, the City of Gothenburg, Nebraska and the City Council recognize that we are in a pandemic due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, the City of Gothenburg and the City Council recognize that the City has once again seen a recent increase in COVID-19 positive cases. The City Council recognizes the severity of the disease and the toll it has taken of our residents, first responders and our medical providers.

WHEREAS, the City of Gothenburg and the City Council also hold a deep respect for the rights of our citizens to travel, assemble and communicate with the least possible restrictions. Our citizens have always risen to the occasion to provide help and assistance when called upon without demand or legal mandate.

WHEREAS, the City of Gothenburg and the City Council clearly acknowledge that the help and assistance of our citizens is needed to defeat this pandemic and the damage and death it has caused in our community.

WHEREAS, the state of Nebraska has adopted Directed Health Measures with the intention of preventing the continued community spread of the COVID 19. Those measures strongly suggest that we wear a mask when indoors in public places and when in large gatherings and businesses. Those measures include wearing of facemasks or coverings for those over the age of 5 years and the maintaining a separation of 6 feet from non family members in those locations.

WHEREAS, the City of Gothenburg and the City Council strongly believe that the wearing of facemasks or coverings and maintaining a social separation in public places and large gatherings will slow the spread of this awful disease.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Gothenburg and the City Council call for the assistance of all residents and visitors to help slow and hopefully stop the spread to COVID 19 in our community. In the strongest terms possible, we urge that all persons in the City, over the age of 5 years, wear a facemask or covering when in the presence of others indoors in public places, businesses and large gatherings.

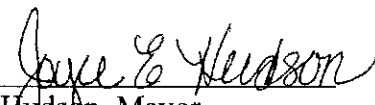
2. The City of Gothenburg and the City Council call for the assistance of all business owners, in the strongest terms possible, to request the public to wear facemasks or coverings when in their place of businesses. The business owners may, of course require more restricted health measures as they deem appropriate.

3. The City of Gothenburg and the City Council ask that our citizens and businesses to make a concerted effort to protect each other by following the state mandated Directed Health Measures. We understand that a vaccine will provide relief in the near future. Until that time, the City of Gothenburg and the City Council urge our citizens to follow the recommended guidelines on facemask usage and maintain social distancing when indoors in public places or businesses.

4. The City of Gothenburg and the City Council express our sincere gratitude for all healthcare workers and first responders for their sacrifice during this unprecedented pandemic.

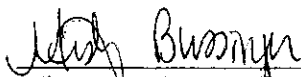
Dated December 17, 2020.

City of Gothenburg, Nebraska



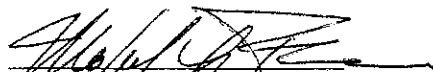
Joyce Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Misty Bussinger, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael E. Bacon, City Attorney