

Protecting Cherokee Countians from Government Overreach in Addressing Resurgence of COVID-19

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to well into 2022, Americans experienced unprecedented infringements on their liberties in the name of “public health” and “stopping the spread” of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, these infringements included but were not limited to: Shutting down private enterprise, businesses and organization, including houses of worship; compulsory surgical mask use in public; compulsory maintenance of a distance of 6 feet or more from other individuals; prohibition from gathering with friends and loved ones; compulsory injection with an experimental vaccine under threat of legal or financial consequences, and; so called “lockdowns”, *i.e.* requiring private individuals to remain in their homes and prohibiting them from travelling; and

WHEREAS, these infringements, whether enforced directly by the coercive power of the state or indirectly by compelling private businesses or organizations to refuse to transact with individuals who will not comply with such regulations, pose a grave threat to liberty and due process of law; and,

WHEREAS, in an August 18, 2023, article titled “Amid ‘summer surge’ of new COVID variant — should we be wearing masks?”, the New York Post reported: “[M]any doctors [and] public health officials” are asking whether bringing back surgical mask use is appropriate “as cases of COVID-19 once again tick upward” and that “the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned . . . that there’s a new, ‘highly mutated variant’ of the coronavirus named BA.2.86 that’s spreading worldwide. Recent data from the New York state Department of Health, released Aug. 2, showed that COVID cases spiked by 55% over the prior week, with an average of 824 reported cases per day across the state [of New York].” See <https://nypost.com/2023/08/18/as-covid-cases-rise-who-should-be-wearing-masks/>; and,

WHEREAS, in an August 22, 2023, article titled “Atlanta college reinstates mask mandate due to rise in on-campus COVID cases”, Atlanta News First reported: “Atlanta’s Morris Brown College has reinstated its mask mandate” and that “[o]ver the next 14 days, the school” will be instituting policies requiring mask wearing, physical distancing, large gatherings guidelines, isolation and quarantine, contact tracing, symptom monitoring and regular hand washing/sanitization. See <https://www.atlantanewsfirst.com/2023/08/22/morris-brown-college-reinstates-mask-mandate-due-rise-on-campus-covid-cases/>; and,

WHEREAS, unsubstantiated rumors suggest that a Transportation Security Administration whistleblower has alleged that the Biden Administration intends to bring back “full COVID restrictions” at some point in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the infringements as discussed above have been shown to be only marginally effective, if at all, at containing disease or stopping the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses; and

WHEREAS, even if such infringements were shown to be 100 percent effective at containing disease and stopping the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses, such infringements are repugnant to the liberties enshrined in and guaranteed by the United States Constitution and fundamentally antithetical to the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness declared “unalienable” from each individual in the Declaration of Independence, and are therefore unlawful, not warranted and inappropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cherokee County Republican Party (CCRP) that **ANY ATTEMPT** by **ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL** at **ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT**, who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof, to **reinstate, uphold or defend** any sort of COVID-19 restriction, including but not limited to compulsory masking, “social distancing”, limitations on gathering size, isolation or quarantine, and requirement of vaccination either by law or in order to maintain employment, now or in the future, is formally condemned;

And it is further RESOLVED that the CCRP **DEMANDS** that **EVERY PUBLIC OFFICIAL** at **EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT**, who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof, defy any such unconstitutional restrictions enacted by any other level of government, *i.e.* State Officials must refuse to enforce any unconstitutional restrictions imposed by the Federal Government, County and City Officials must refuse to enforce any unconstitutional restrictions imposed by the State Government, etc.;

And it is further RESOLVED that **ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL** at **ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT**, who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof, who votes to allow or otherwise takes steps to institute any such COVID-19 restrictions, **SHALL** be censured by the CCRP by operation of this RESOLUTION;

And it is further RESOLVED that in any such case, an additional, separate censure will be appropriate if deemed so by the Executive Committee or County Committee of the CCRP;

And it is further RESOLVED that in any such case, the public official in question shall still be subject to censure even if another governmental authority or a higher governmental authority has already imposed such restrictions or even if the public official is enforcing the restriction imposed by another governmental authority or a higher governmental authority;

And it is further RESOLVED that **ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL** at **ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT**, who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof, who votes to allow or otherwise takes steps to institute any such COVID-19 restrictions, who is then a member of the CCRP shall be immediately expelled from such membership without further procedure or process, **provided that** this RESOLUTION passes through the County Committee with the **two-thirds majority** required to expel an individual from membership pursuant to the Cherokee County Republican Party bylaws, Article XV, Section E;

And it is further RESOLVED that **ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL** at **ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT**, who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof, who votes to allow or otherwise takes steps to institute any such COVID-19 restrictions shall be barred from future membership in the CCRP;

And it is further RESOLVED that any action taken by any public official merely recommending, suggesting or otherwise encouraging any protective or preventative measures against COVID-19 to be taken by **private citizens, WITHOUT COERCION OR THREAT OF STATE ACTION**, shall not be censurable conduct pursuant to this RESOLUTION;

And it is further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered, either in person, by mail or electronically, to every elected public official who represents the whole or any part of Cherokee County or any independent municipality therein, regardless of party affiliation or lack thereof;

And it is further RESOLVED that WE THE PEOPLE of the Cherokee County Republican Party declare that WE SHALL NOT COMPLY with any such unconstitutional restrictions as outlined herein.

This RESOLUTION passed this _____ day of _____, 2023, by a majority of _____ votes of a total of _____ votes cast.

Two-thirds majority? Yes No

Chairman, CCRP
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Secretary, CCRP
Ann O'Mara