

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2020

BY: **ROY J. JECH**

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ADMINISTRATION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO MANDATE FACE MASKS DUE TO THE CONTINUED SPREADING OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020 Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency for the state of Ohio to protect the well-being of the citizens of the Ohio from the dangerous effects of COVID-19, to justify the authorization of personnel of State departments and agencies as are necessary, to coordinate the State response to COVID-19, and to assist in protecting the lives, safety, and health of the citizens of Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet)"; and,

WHEREAS, the use of face masks can slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus by helping to prevent people who have the virus (and may not have any symptoms) from transmitting it to others around them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports and the encourages Cuyahoga County to mandate the use of face masks for all residents of the county.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to the Cuyahoga County Council Members, State Representative Jeffrey Crossman, and the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary in order to urge the Administration of Cuyahoga County to mandate face masks to help alleviate the spread of COVID-19, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO