

**RESOLUTION 2020-12**  
**A RESOLUTION TO REFRAIN FROM HEALTH RELATED MANDATES**

**WHEREAS** the Weston County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") has read Resolution #2020-10 adopted unanimously on the 4th day of August, 2020 by the Goshen County Board of County Commissioners; and further,

**WHEREAS** the Board wishes to acknowledge and credit the authorship of the Goshen County Board of County Commissioners and recognizes the language from their above referenced Resolution #2020-10 has, in important ways, informed the content of this instant Resolution; and further,

**WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Wyoming, Article 1, Section 38(a) provides that "Each competent adult shall have the right to make his or her own health care decisions..."; and further,

**WHEREAS** beginning on or about March 13, 2020, the State of Wyoming, through its various agencies and agents, imposed many restrictions on the constitutional liberties of Weston County citizens in order to "help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in Weston County" deemed necessary to fight the COVID 19 SARS-Cov-2 virus outbreak (the "virus"). This order was temporally related to a national campaign to promote similar orders emanating from a variety of jurisdictions. Billed as "15 days to slow the spread", citizens were told their sacrifice was small and limited in scope as their liberties would be restored in little over two weeks' time. Yet, some 186 days later the state and regional health care capacity that serves Weston County and Wyoming has never been approached and still, constitutional liberties remain impaired; and further,

**WHEREAS** since the time the State of Wyoming took actions detailed herein, citizens of the state have had precious little objective information made available to them that would allow them to evaluate their own health care decisions regarding management of the virus. With the exception of the original "flatten the curve" narrative, long since made irrelevant, the State has failed to articulate any metric by which citizens might expect the government to call an end to constitutional infringements; and,

**WHEREAS** while the citizens of Weston County have patiently and obediently abided by the orders imposed by state officials, the Board has considered the county-level impacts of state, national and global policies regarding the virus and notes the policies themselves have caused widespread social ills and collateral damage, including negative impacts to the economy, increased unemployment, consumption of family savings, business closures, poverty, domestic abuse, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse and importantly, a loss of credibility of State and local public health officers which should be jealously guarded against the event of a genuine need to invoke their powers; and further,

**WHEREAS** the County Commission in and for Weston County, Wyoming, upon their election to office, having sworn allegiance to the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Wyoming; and; further,

**WHEREAS** this Board finds that competent adults in Weston County, Wyoming can and will make virus-related health care decisions for themselves and their families; and,

**NOW THEREFORE** having duly met at a regular meeting and considered the matter, for the aforesaid reasons, and in order to notify the public of the Boards intent to refrain from any county-level virus-related mandate concerning individual health care decisions, including but not limited to mandatory mask requirements, mandatory contact tracing, mandatory social distancing or mandatory vaccine administration, it is:

**RESOLVED, (BY A MAJORITY/UNANIMOUSLY)** that the Weston County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses that it is the intent of this Board to encourage the State of Wyoming, by and through its various agencies and agents, to 1) make available as much information and in as much detail as possible to the citizens of Wyoming and Weston County, regarding the circumstance of each and every virus case recorded in its counts and also to 2)

articulate specific standards and metrics by which citizens can expect an end to the constitutional restrictions imposed upon them; and further,

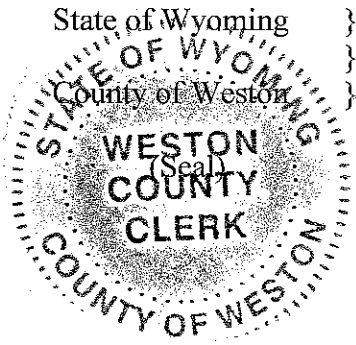
**RESOLVED, (BY A MAJORITY/UNANIMOUSLY)** that the Weston County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses that it is the intent of this Board to encourage the public to make appropriate, virus-related health care decisions for themselves and their families pursuant to the Wyoming Constitution; and further,

**RESOLVED, (BY A MAJORITY/UNANIMOUSLY)** that the Weston County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses that it is the intent of this Board to refrain from any county-level virus-related mandates concerning individual health care decisions.

**DATED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020 in Weston County, Wyoming

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

BY *Ed Wagoner*  
ED WAGONER, CHAIRMAN



*Becky Hadlock*  
BECKY HADLOCK, WESTON COUNTY CLERK  
My term of office expires January 2, 2023