

RESOLUTION # 2020-25

An Order Exempting Linn County, Kansas from the Face Mask Mandate Provisions of Executive Order 20-68

WHEREAS the Governor of Kansas has issued Executive Order No. 20-68, mandating the use of face masks in all public areas and certain non-public areas; and,

WHEREAS such mandate may allow for enforcement through civil penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

WHEREAS Kansas House Bill 2016, Section 33 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health that include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS the board has consulted with the local health officials and following such consultation, the board has determined that the use of face masks in public is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the county, that the Board hereby determines and orders that the use of face masks in public or in non-public areas, as required by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-68, is not required in Linn County, Kansas, and that Linn County shall be exempt from the face mask provision of Executive Order No. 20-68, but that citizens of the County are encouraged to use face masks when in public or in close proximity to others not in their own household.

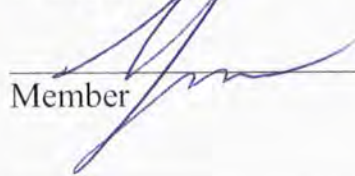
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission/Board of Health supports and encourages the School Districts in Linn County to require masks and

social distancing measures in school and at school activities to the extent those Districts find such requirements advisable.

Adopted on this 23rd day of November, 2020.

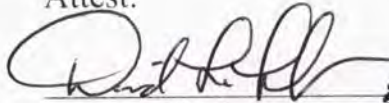
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and
BOARD OF HEALTH
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS


Chairperson


Member

Member

Attest:


County Clerk

