

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Clark County Council

DATE: September 1, 2020

REQUESTED ACTION:

Consider approval of a resolution in support of Clark County public health workers and health care workers for their work responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Public health workers and health care workers in Clark County have diligently and tirelessly worked in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including epidemiology, front-line health care services, and a multitude of other critical tasks. Their work has kept our families, neighbors, and community safer during these unprecedented times. During two previous Council Time discussions, the Council requested a draft resolution recognizing the hard work of our public health workers and health care workers, and thanking them for their continual efforts.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

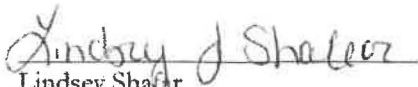
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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

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CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08-04

A RESOLUTION honoring Clark County's local public health workers and health care workers for their COVID-19 pandemic work.

WHEREAS, Clark County Public Health is comprised of public health nurses, epidemiologists, community health educators, environmental health workers, and others; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus 2019, and the disease caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) has created significant disruption throughout our county; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 poses significant risks to everyone in our community; and

WHEREAS, local public health workers who serve in Clark County are working tirelessly to ensure COVID-19 is contained, traced, tracked, and treated in a manner to limit the spread of this deadly infection; and

WHEREAS, our county's health care workers are similarly working tirelessly to provide necessary health care to all, including those with COVID-19, even during shortages of critical PPE; and

WHEREAS local public health workers and health care workers perform their work, at times, with the risk of exposing themselves and their family of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, local public health workers and our entire health care system are working to provide crucial data and support so that scientists and medical experts can work to develop treatments, cures, and vaccines for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, local public health workers are the frontline personnel implementing Washington state orders, proclamations, and directives, including difficult directives that prevented family members from visiting their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, even though local public health workers are routinely subjected to harassment and hostility by members of their communities who do not want to follow the Safe Start Guidelines and local Health Officer's orders, those workers continue to work with integrity and focus on reducing the community spread of deadly COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the heroic efforts and sacrifices of our local public health workers and health care workers are deserving of acknowledgment and appreciation;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE OF WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Clark County Council expresses great appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to our local public health workers and health care workers for their selfless sacrifices and efforts to combat and respond to the unprecedented challenges facing our communities as a result of COVID-19; and

Section 2. The Clark County Council recognizes the value and dedication of our local public health workers and health care workers to the viability, economy, safety, security, and well-being in our community, both through their outstanding performance during this pandemic and through their general ongoing work to keep our residents healthy and our communities vibrant and thriving.

ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2020.

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

Clerk to the Council

Eileen Quiring, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:
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