- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious and potentially deadly disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The virus has continued to evolve with multiple mutations and increasing transmissibility over the past two years; and
- WHEREAS, To date, COVID-19 has infected over 80,000 residents in Clark County and 435 million worldwide, resulting in over 700 deaths in our county and nearly 6 million globally; and
- WHEREAS, Health care workers and public health employees work tirelessly to support Clark County residents during the pandemic, and have been doing so diligently for over two years; and
- WHEREAS, Clark County public health is a consistent source of reliable, up-to-date information on the pandemic, including the best practices to protect against illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, Rates of new cases of COVID-19 are currently declining in Clark County and the nation, health precautions and restrictions are increasingly being relaxed, however, we must all continue to take steps to protect ourselves and neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Clark County Board of Health hereby recognize, thank, and commend all health care workers and public health employees throughout Clark County for their tireless efforts to provide the best possible care for our residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite extremely difficult conditions and personal risk to themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as follows:

The Clark County Board of Health fully endorses the COVID-19 recommendations provided by the Clark County Public Health department as these public health measures effectively reduce the impacts of COVID-19:

- 1. COVID-19 vaccinations are highly recommended as safe and effective, are widely available at no cost to all residents age five and older.
- 2. Face coverings are a useful tool to protect the wearer and those around them. Please be courteous and wear face coverings when required by public health officials and respect an individual's choice to wear a mask even if masks are not required.
- 3. Please continue to help prevent all communicable diseases with best practices, avoid touching your face, handwashing for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when you are sick.

9th day of March Signed this . 2022 CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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