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3 **RESOLUTION: Individual Health Decisions Pertaining to COVID-19 Government**  
4 **Lockdowns, Vaccine, and Mask Mandates**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 mandating face coverings  
8 (masks) throughout Wisconsin; and

9 **WHEREAS**, some studies show vaccines and masks are not an effective way to slow the spread of the  
10 COVID-19 virus; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declared Wisconsin's statewide mask  
12 mandate invalid; and

13 **WHEREAS**, when dealing with the local conditions related to the COVID-19 virus, local authorities should  
14 exercise common sense; and

15 **WHEREAS**, health decisions are best made by individuals, not government; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is the right of individuals to choose whether to wear a mask and whether to be vaccinated; and

17 **WHEREAS**, citizens have lived with COVID-19 for over 3 years and have been provided information regarding  
18 how to protect themselves from COVID-19 and are fully capable of making their own decisions; and

19 **WHEREAS**, lockdowns, vaccine, and mask mandates have been shown to have a negative impact on  
20 economies and mental health; and

21 **WHEREAS**, some entities are considering and have imposed new mask mandates in response to an apparent  
22 resurgence of the COVID-19 virus.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it encourages  
24 individuals to make educated personal healthcare decisions to continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors does not intend to support  
26 nor impose any lockdowns, vaccine, or mask mandates related to COVID-19 or its variants.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors wishes to communicate to  
28 the people of Winnebago County and to state and federal authorities:

- 29 • In the absence of a state or federal lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Winnebago County does not  
30 intend to create or enforce a mandate;
- 31 • If the state or federal government creates a lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Winnebago County  
32 shall not voluntarily use its resources in support of the same and shall comply only to the extent required  
33 by law or superior authority;
- 34 • As a statement of policy, Winnebago County believes that such mandates are not proper;
- 35 • As a matter of Constitutional Law, Winnebago County believes that the prior precedent should not apply  
36 to current circumstances.

37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution  
38 shall be forwarded to Winnebago County's state and federal delegations, Governor Evers, all other Wisconsin  
39 Counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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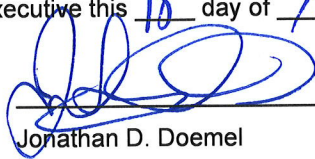
*Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact.*

Respectfully submitted by:  
**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **7-6 (3 absent)**

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



Jonathan D. Doemel  
Winnebago County Executive



VOTE RESULTS >

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YES

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NO

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ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

**M. 3. Resolution 327-022024**

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Submitted by: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Passed By Majority Vote

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