



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT

WHEREAS, the freedom to make personal health choices is one of the most fundamental human rights protected under the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolinians lost their jobs, their ability to attend school, their in-person access to public places and loved ones and many other freedoms due to their choices not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and/or the resultant quarantine requirements; and

WHEREAS, there are various reasons why Americans choose not to be vaccinated, including, but not limited to, established medical conditions, lack of long-term medical data regarding the vaccine's impact, previous infection and recovery, preference for therapeutics, robust immune systems, potential adverse effects, religious beliefs, intolerance to vaccine ingredients, previous anaphylactic and other reactions; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 legislative session House bill 98 "Medical Freedom Act" was introduced in the House on February 13 and referred to the Committee on Health; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Stanly County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "Board") upholds the United States Constitution and fully supports the individual freedom to choose whether or not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and parents' freedom to choose whether or not to vaccinate their minor children against COVID-19; and
2. That the Board recognizes the historical efficacy of proven vaccines in public health, but rejects COVID-19 vaccination mandates; and
3. The Board rejects policies, orders, and laws that do any or all of the following:
 - A) limit a person's freedoms due to a person's COVID-19 vaccination status. Said freedoms include, but are not limited to, access to or retention of jobs, school attendance, and in-person access to public places and loved ones;
 - B) allow for the termination of individuals from State or local government jobs in North Carolina due to the individuals' COVID-19 vaccination status;

- C) require public school students (Kindergarten – 12th grade) or public college/university students in North Carolina (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Students”) to use face coverings, provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination, or submit to a series of COVID-19 vaccinations; and/or
 - D) limit Students’ access to school (i.e., quarantines) due to their COVID-19 exposure and/or their COVID-19 vaccination status.
4. That the Board urges our local legislative delegation and the North Carolina General Assembly to:
- A) protect North Carolinians’ individual freedoms and rights to choose whether or not to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and parents’ rights to choose whether or not to vaccinate their minor children against COVID-19;
 - B) protect unvaccinated North Carolinians from quarantines due to COVID-19 exposure;
 - C) protect unvaccinated North Carolinians rights to access and retain jobs and to access schools, public places, and their loved ones in-person without penalties or discrimination due to their COVID-19 vaccination statuses; and
 - D) protect Students’ rights to choose whether or not to wear a face covering at school
- by ratifying House Bill 98/Senate Bill 121.

Adopted this, the 6th day of March, 2023.

T. Scott Efird, Chairman
Stanly County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Tyler Brummitt, Clerk to the Board