

**A PROCLAMATION RESCINDING THE IREDELL COUNTY SECOND PROCLAMATION
PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE
MASKS IN COUNTY-OPERATED FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 to coordinate the State’s response and protective actions to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Governor subsequently issued Executive Orders 117 – 147, instituting various restrictions and measures to mitigate and slow the spread of COVID-19, of which the last Order included the requirement to wear face coverings in certain settings and conditions and encouraged local governments to enact policies regarding the same as those applicable to certain State government agencies (“Executive Order 147”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 215, which lifts COVID-19 restrictions to reflect new public health recommendations including removing capacity limitations and social distancing requirements on businesses, and lifts the indoor face covering requirement on most businesses and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Iredell County State of Emergency was declared on March 17, 2020 (“Original Declaration”) following its first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 on March 16, 2020, and the Original Declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the total presumptive positive cases in Iredell County has decreased from a high of 2,351 on January 19, 2021 to 402 on May 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Iredell County employs 1,469 people, who provide necessary and vital services to its residents, and many of these services require engaging with and being in close contact with the general public who are receiving County services and visiting County-operated facilities; and

WHEREAS, it the Iredell County Board of Commissioners have taken previous measures to protect its employees from the increasing community transmission of the Coronavirus, particularly in the performance of their duties and provision of services to the general public, and to protect the public when obtaining such services,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Sections 2.72, 10.5-4 and 10.5-5 of the Iredell County Code of Ordinances:

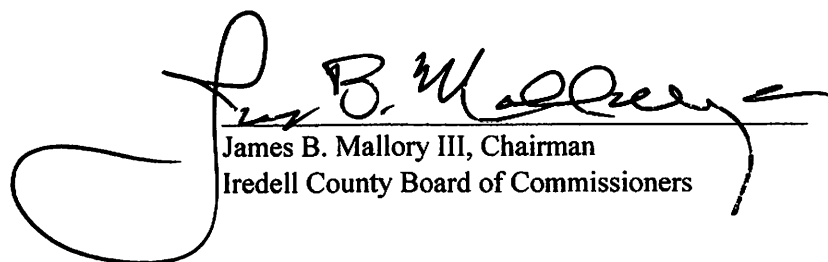
Section 1. The State of Emergency declared March 17, 2020 remains in effect.

Section 2. I hereby rescind the IREDELL COUNTY SECOND PROCLAMATION PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN COUNTY-OPERATED FACILITIES.

Section 4. I hereby order this Proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk to the Iredell County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation.

Section 5. This proclamation shall take effect on May 14, 2021 at 12 a.m..

DECLARED this the 14 day of May, 2021 at 4 a.m./(p.m.)


James B. Mallory III, Chairman
Iredell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Amy Anderson, Clerk to the Board