

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 22-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM, FREEDOM OF CHOICE, AND WHERE BUSINESSES ARE EMPOWERED WITH CHOICE AND CITIZENS ARE TREATED EQUALLY.

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington acknowledges that COVID-19 and the events surrounding COVID-19 is a public health crisis and has generated ever-lasting impacts within our community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington acknowledges and affirms healthcare freedom and choice as it concerns vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and vaccine passports; and

WHEREAS, The rights of individuals to bodily autonomy, the right to individual healthcare decision making, individual liberty, freedom of association, the right to privacy, and the right to work without being forced by one's employer or government to receive a vaccine and the human rights inherent to making healthcare decisions they deem best for themselves, individually, and for their families; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have the right to refuse a vaccination based on religious, medical, or personal reasons, and every medical intervention requires informed consent and the right of refusal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington does not support government mandated restrictions utilizing private health information for COVID-19 vaccine segregation, vaccine passports, and mandatory masking in our schools, places of worship, cultural events, businesses, and public buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington believe competent adult individuals have the right to control their own healthcare decisions and should not be mandated to make healthcare choices required by their employer, government, or any other authority other than themselves; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington stands to be an inclusive community, where all people regardless of their vaccine status, race, gender, national origin, age, religion, and medical conditions should be treated equally, with kindness, compassion, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington strongly supports the Fifth, Tenth, Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, all other amendments to the United States Constitution, and the Consitution of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington as a municipality has no legal authority to waive or override mandates enforced by the Department of Labor, Federal Government, State Government, and therefore cannot protect any local business from state or federal directed penalties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The City of Lexington is an inclusive community where businesses and citizens are treated with equal access, regardless of vaccination status or mask usage. Where choice and freedom are paramount for the cumulative success of our community; and

The City of Lexington will communicate with the Governor's Office and the President Of The United States demanding the full opening of our cities, counties, states, country, economy, and supply chain immediately. Granting our citizens freedom from further business restrictions, mask mandates, and proof of vaccination requirements and restrictions that promote COVID-19 vaccine segregation; and

The Lexington City Council opposes any government mandated requirements or restrictions on citizens to show proof of vaccination status in order to access local businesses, houses of worship, or cultural events. We uphold the values of personal responsibility and individual liberties to empower citizens to make their own healthcare choices; and

The City of Lexington will not promote COVID-19 vaccine segregation restrictions or mask requirements for the public at our events. All people will be treated equally and empowered with personal choice, all while implementing safety measures to keep our citizens healthy; and

The City of Lexington supports freedom of choice for all our citizens and those in our business community and supports their judgment to do what is prudent to ensure their free expression as listed in the Declaration of Independence for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

The City of Lexington stands in solidarity with all nurses, doctors, healthcare professionals, educators, frontline workers, essential employees, first responders, service industry, United States Armed Forces, truckers, employers, and all other employees within any industry that have been terminated, furloughed, or have had to comply with government mandates, executive orders, and unconstitutional overreach.

PASSED by the Lexington City Council this 20th day of January 2022.



Michael A. Murphy, Mayor
City of Lexington, Minnesota

Attest:



Bill Petracek, City Administrator