

**Whereas**, the declared stance of the Michigan Republican Party is “we are committed to reopening Michigan, getting businesses hiring again, and our kids back in school and sports without mask mandates.”

**Whereas**, the Ottawa County Republican Party acknowledges Almighty God as the benevolent force which moving through our Founding Fathers provided the courage, wisdom, fidelity and perseverance needed to establish our “one nation under God,” and,

**Whereas**, under the guiding hand of Almighty God, our Nation was designed and created as a constitutional republic, with a government “*of the people, by the people, for the people,*” in which the people yield their consent to be governed by representation selected through free, open, fair and transparent elections, and,

**Whereas**, the Michigan Legislature has duly instituted specific guidelines and limitations for the Michigan Department and Health and Human Services, along with local Health Officers, as articulated in MCL 333.2451, MCL 333.2453 and MCL 333.2226(d), allowing the MDHHS and local Health Officers to promulgate and mandate certain procedures and precautions *only* in the face of *imminent danger*, to safeguard the public health and to insure the continuation of essential public health services, and

**Whereas**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publish data for Ottawa County concerning the current state of affairs concerning the COVID-19 virus, indicating that Ottawa County currently only experiences 147 total active cases per 100,000 population, of which *only 2* are children aged 0-17. on a rolling 7-day average, and,

**Whereas**, statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention further indicates that Ottawa County has averaged well below one COVID-19 related death per week since February 1, 2021, and,

**Whereas**, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that the United States as a whole experienced 614,531 COVID-19 related deaths (as of 8/14/2021), of which only *.00058%* were deaths were of children of 0-17 years of age, and,

**Whereas**, the three hospitals operating in Ottawa County have a capacity of 311 beds, of which only 10 are currently occupied by a COVID-19 infected patient, now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, the Ottawa County Republican Party does NOT acknowledge that the current COVID-19 situation represents an “imminent danger to the health or lives of elementary students” such as to warrant such extreme and unjustified mask protocols for elementary-aged students in Ottawa County; be it further

**Resolved**, the Ottawa County Republican Party does NOT acknowledge that the current COVID-19 situation represents an imminent threat “to insure the continuation of essential public health services;” be it further

**Resolved**, the Ottawa County Republican Party calls upon the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to overrule, by whatever means appropriate and lawful, the draconian “mask mandate” declaration instituted by the Administrative Health Officer of the Ottawa County Department of Public Health on August 20, 2021.