

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 03**

AN ORDER EXEMPTING ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF MASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Kansas did on November 18, 2020 issue Executive Order No. 20-68, requiring masks or other face coverings in public, said Order to become effective as of 12:01 a.m. on November 25, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to K.S.A. 48-925 as amended by 2020 Special Session House Bill 2015, Section 33, the Board of County Commissioners may issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor.

**NOW THEREFORE**, based upon the following findings:

1. The Board has consulted with the local health officer concerning the requirement of the wearing of masks or other face coverings in public.
2. That after consultation with the local health officer, while it is suggested that masks or face coverings be utilized in public, the Board of County Commissioners determine the implementation of the provisions contained within Executive Order No. 20-68 requiring the same are no longer necessary to protect the health and safety of the county.
3. That prior to the issuance of Executive Order No. 20-68, Ellsworth County had established its own resolution requiring masks or other face coverings in public and has since rescinded said resolution.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Ellsworth County, Kansas that Ellsworth County is hereby exempt from the requirements of masks and other face coverings in public as set forth in Executive Order No. 20-68 issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2021.**



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY, KANSAS**

Stephen J. Whelan, Chairman  
Dennis T. Relfs, Member  
Gregory C. Bender, Member

ATTEST: Shelly D. Upert, County Clerk