



## Resolution 87-2021

Date: August 18, 2021

### A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

**WHEREAS**, we elected officials have solemnly sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America, which is ordained and established to “promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity”,

**WHEREAS**, citizens being both informed about the risks and benefits of any available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty,

**THEREFORE**, all Grand Traverse County messaging related to vaccines shall encourage citizens to discuss the risks and benefits of any such treatment with their chosen healthcare provider,

**THEREFORE**, Grand Traverse County shall not question any citizen’s claim to exemption from wearing a facemask or any other similarly mandated preventative activity,

**THEREFORE**, Grand Traverse County shall not require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment verification or medical test verification as a general condition of employment; and will not encourage employers located within Grand Traverse County to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy,

**THEREFORE**, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners recognizes and commends the employees of the Grand Traverse County Health Department, Administration, and the other various county offices and departments, and community health care providers for their immense efforts throughout the pandemic,

**THEREFORE**, The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes August as being National Immunization Awareness Month and encourages all residents of Grand Traverse County to increase their awareness of available immunizations by discussing the risks and benefits of available immunizations with their chosen healthcare provider,

**THEREFORE**, the Grand Traverse County Commission instructs it's chair and staff to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all county commissioners, or their equivalents, in each of the counties in the United States including the 83 counties in the state of Michigan and all other

states, inviting that they consider whether passing a similar resolution might be in the best interest of their own citizens.

**THEREFORE**, it is acknowledged that certain activities may be required under state and federal law or other pre-existing contract and such obligatory situations are not affected by this resolution.