IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution Supporting the Protection of Constitutional Rights During Emergencies	)))	RESOLUTION 21-8-19-2

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the cornerstone of our government and represents American values; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Oregon is the cornerstone of our state government and represents a combination of American and Oregonian values; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials endeavor to follow states laws and regulations and promulgate local ordinances and regulations which are within the boundaries of our constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners strongly believes that all provisions of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Oregon must be upheld without exception, and that public officials should not pick and choose those provisions to be recognized and defended, and should recognize and defend all provisions; and

WHEREAS, the vaccine passport that is bring forced upon citizens does not align with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, public officials throughout Oregon are charged with protecting the health of all Oregon communities, but are also charged with doing so within the constraints of our national and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the role of government is to help and support the citizens it represents, not to control or force policies on them.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Oregon has issued a series of Emergency Orders which have, in certain respects, exceeded the limits of the United States and Oregon Constitutions, in particular, by closing businesses and schools outside of the powers authorized to the Governor, and expanding the jurisdiction and power of state government agencies beyond the jurisdiction and powers authorized by state law; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oregon has exercised powers which are the power of the Oregon Legislative Assembly, not the power of the Executive Branch, thereby delegating to the Governor powers which may not be delegated under the restrictions of the Oregon Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has maintained many "emergency" restrictions without appropriate consideration of the differences as to the effect of the Coronavirus in many parts of the state.

NOW THEREFORE, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners resolves as follows:

1. All employees and agencies of Yamhill County shall not assist in the enforcement of business closure, school closure, or stay-at-home directives under the Executive Orders of the Governor relating to the Coronavirus pandemic, including state agency directives or guidance; and

2. All employees and agencies of Yamhill County shall recognize the protections provided by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon in carrying out their duties.

DONE this 19TH day of August 2021.

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Chair MARY STARRETT

Commissioner, Vice-Chair LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

Voted "No"

Commissioner, CASEY KULLA