Muskegon County Board of Commissioners

Muskegon County Resolution Regarding Vaccine Passports
within the Boundaries of Muskegon County

Resolution #2021-01

WHEREAS, medical records and information are private and fall under HIPAA protections; and

WHEREAS, individual COVID-19 vaccination records are private health information which should not be shared by mandate; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccine passports reduce individual freedom and will harm patient privacy; and

WHEREAS, all currently available COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for emergency use, and therefore must remain voluntary under the Nuremberg Trial Codes; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County Department of Public Health seeks to ensure that every resident in Muskegon County who desires a COVID-19 vaccine can obtain one, but such vaccines are not mandated; and

WHEREAS, no COVID-19 vaccine is required by law; and

WHEREAS, Muskegon County Department of Public Health and MDHHS acknowledge there are many instances where an individual, along with their doctor, decide that being vaccinated may be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, requiring COVID-19 vaccine passports for taking part in everyday life such as, but not limited to, attending a sporting event, patronizing a restaurant, or going to a movie theater would create two classes of citizens based on vaccination; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan allows for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions from vaccines; and

WHEREAS, vaccine passports do not take into consideration the large number of citizens who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 and are therefore naturally immune; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, MDHHS, and the Muskegon County Department of Public Health acknowledge that it is possible for vaccinated individuals to contract and spread COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because vaccinated individuals could be able to contract and spread COVID-19, a space where only vaccinated individuals are present holds the same risk as a space where individuals are both vaccinated and unvaccinated; and

WHEREAS, vaccine passports are thus highly discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to protect the fundamental rights and privacies of the residents of Muskegon County and the free flow of commerce.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Muskegon County does not support, endorse or enforce mandatory vaccines or vaccine passports in government buildings, public spaces, businesses or places of employment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

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The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its May 11, 2021, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Lahring, support by Commissioner Brown, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Kim Cyr, Doug Brown, Zach Lahring, Malinda Pego, Robert Scolnik
Nayes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Charles Nash, Rillastine Wilkins

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on May 11, 2021.

Nancy A. Waters — 5-14-2021
Nancy A. Waters, Clerk — Date
County of Muskegon

Robert Scolnik — 5/14/2021
Robert Scolnik, Chair — Date
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