

Ordinance 008-2021

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA REPEALING ORDINANCE 032-2020, WHICH REQUIRED WEARING FACIAL COVERINGS TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the world has been dealing with a global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus for over a year; and

WHEREAS, the State and County have been operating under a state of emergency since March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon advice of the Florida Department of Health and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Board enacted a series of ordinance requiring the wearing of facial coverings culminating in Ordinance 032-2020; and

WHEREAS, that ordinance was a temporary ordinance that is scheduled to sunset on June 1, 2021, unless extended further by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order 21-102 which suspended all local orders and ordinances that restrict personal freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has advised the Code Compliance Department that it should stop enforcement efforts of Ordinance 032-2020 until further notice; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the public interest would be served by enacting a clear repeal of Ordinance 032-2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:

- Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board.
- Section 2. Ordinance 032-2020 is hereby repealed in its entirety retroactive to May 3, 2021.
- Section 3. Nothing in this ordinance shall invalidate any action already taken under the authority of Ordinance 032-2020 or any of its predecessor versions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board held on May 5, 2021 in Marathon, Florida.

Mayor Michelle Coldiron	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Pro Tem David Rice	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Craig Cates	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Eddie Martinez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Mike Forster	<u>Yes</u>

(SEAL)
ATTEST: KEVIN MADOK, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
By Deputy Clerk

Mayor Michelle Coldiron

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency
County Attorney Robert B. Shillinger