

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN WEARING FACE COVERINGS WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread rapidly among humans through respiratory transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the coronavirus disease outbreak of 2019 (“COVID-19”), Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51, declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida, and on May 8, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-114, extending the state of emergency for an additional sixty (60) days, and on July 7, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-166, extending the state of emergency for an additional sixty (60) days ; and

**WHEREAS**, after Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-91 on April 1, 2020, imposing statewide restrictions on non-essential businesses and activities due to COVID-19 (Safer at Home Order), Governor DeSantis subsequently issued Executive Orders No. 20-112, (April 29, 2020, Executive Order No. 20-120 (on May 9, 2020), Executive Order No. 20-123 (May 14, 2020), Executive Order No. 20-131 (May 22, 2020), and Executive Order No. 20-139 (June 3, 2020), removing and decreasing the restrictions of the Safer at Home Order in order to provide for the phased re-opening of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the re-opening of the State of Florida will lead to more contact between individuals who gather in public places, thereby increasing the transmission of COVID-19 among individuals and the spread of COVID-19 within Florida communities; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the manner in which the coronavirus is spread, and the positive correlation between infection rates and the absence of social distancing measures, it is prudent to be concerned that COVID-19 cases will increase exponentially within the City of South Daytona if additional measures are not encouraged to stop or slow the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and protecting the health of its citizens, business owners and visitors is a high priority of the City of South Daytona; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to State law, the City of South Daytona is served by the Volusia County Emergency Management Agency, which has not adopted a mandatory mask requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of South Daytona finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare that the following resolution be adopted.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, FLORIDA THAT:***

**SECTION 1.** The City Council of the City of South Daytona hereby encourages our residents and visitors to take personal responsibility in wearing face coverings where social distancing is not possible to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon first and final reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of South Daytona, Florida, on the 28th day of July, 2020.

**SIGNED:**

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William C. Hall  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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James L. Gillis, Jr.  
City Manager