



## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, under Executive Order 2020-04, the Governor of New Hampshire declared a State of Emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2020, under Executive Order, the Governor of New Hampshire further ordered that all open retail establishments require the wearing of cloth face coverings for employees and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2020, under Executive Order, the Governor of New Hampshire further ordered that all open food service establishments require the wearing of cloth face coverings by employees and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has established that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed by maintaining distance, washing hands, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, and covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Hampshire recommends strict adherence to the CDC guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, many Upper Valley towns are considering an Ordinance or Resolution requiring the wearing of masks in order to ensure the health and safety of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Select Board of Lyme has closed all Town buildings to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lyme School Board, in anticipation of the resumption of in-person classes in September, is considering requiring the wearing of cloth face coverings for faculty, staff and students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Select Board of the Town of Lyme, in order to ensure the health and safety of all individuals within its boundaries, with mutual respect for individual freedoms, formally requests that its residents and visitors wear a mask or cloth facial covering when in a situation where physical distancing is not able to be maintained, until further notice.

Dated: August 6, 2020

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