RESOLUTION DENOUNCING VACCINE MANDATES, OVERLY AGGRESSIVE TESTING, TERMINATIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS

WHEREAS, as the Board of Health of Madison County we have a role in providing local guidance in regard to the public health crisis of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board and the Board of Health understand that as free Americans we have certain unalienable rights, given to us not by government but by God, and that our Founder's gave us the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights in support of that idea, which is the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, certain legal mandates and/or employer requirements have been directed at some residents of Madison County forcing them to choose between receiving a COVID-19 vaccine or undergo frequent testing under threat of being terminated from their employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health continues to support personal choice with regard to COVID-19 mitigation efforts, including recognizing an individual's religious beliefs and medical history, such as naturally occurring antibodies which many argue are more effective than vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Madison County school districts may require that students be either vaccinated or forced to undergo frequent testing under threat of exclusion from school and related activities, without regard for the wishes of the family or the student's religious beliefs and medical history; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health believes in the innate common sense and reasonableness of Madison County employees, students, and families and respects their desire to decide for themselves whether to receive a vaccination or undergo testing without threat to their livelihoods or education; and

WHEREAS, many residents, employees and families have contacted members of the County Board and the Board of Health demanding that we protect their rights on this important issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of Madison County, Illinois:

1. The Board of Health discourages all employers and school districts within Madison County from imposing a vaccine mandate and/or frequent testing upon employees and students.

The Board of Health discourages all employers and school districts within Madison County from imposing a vaccine mandate upon employees and students, from using testing as a means to coerce vaccination or as punishment for not vaccinating, publicly asking for people's vaccination status, and due to crossover frequency, should not test based solely on vaccination status.

- 2. All employers and school districts in Madison County should respect and protect the individual rights of employees, students, and families.
- 3. The County Board, sitting as the Board of Health, hereby affirms to its own employees that it will neither impose a vaccine mandate nor require testing of its employees and will defend and protect the rights of its employees if such mandates are imposed upon Madison County by other units of government.

Adopted this 19th day of January 19, 2022.

Kurt Prenzler, Chairman Madison County Board