



## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND MANAGER

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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 98

WHEREAS, the North Carolina House of Representatives is now considering the enactment of House Bill 98, “An Act Prohibiting State Agencies, Local Governments, and Political Subdivisions of the State from Discriminating Against Persons Based on Their Refusal to Provide Proof of a COVID-19 Vaccination or to Submit to a COVID-19 Vaccination and Prohibiting Public Schools, State and Local Public Health Agencies, State and Local Public Health Officials, and Local Governments from Requiring Any Person to Provide Proof of or to Submit to a COVID-19 Vaccination;” and

WHEREAS, there are various reasons why North Carolinians choose not to be vaccinated, including, but not limited to, established medical conditions, lack of long-term medical data regarding the vaccine’s impact, previous infection and recovery, preference for therapeutics, potential adverse effects, religious beliefs, intolerance to vaccine ingredients, previous anaphylactic or other reactions;

WHEREAS, the rights of individuals to make their own health decisions, and to choose which medicines to put into their bodies, is a critical and fundamental liberty right in this country;

WHEREAS, no individual should be forced to take a vaccine that they do not wish to take, especially when that decision could detrimentally affect his or her health, ability to find or retain a job, or to support his or her family;

WHEREAS, no parent should be forced to vaccinate their child against the wishes of their conscience or judgment, as the right to make choices about a child’s health is solely the right of the child’s parent or guardian;

WHEREAS, no government entity should have the right to dictate health decisions about vaccinations, including vaccinations of children;

WHEREAS, many North Carolinians have lost their jobs, their ability to attend school, their in-person access to public places and other freedoms due to their choices to not receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Board of Commissioner believes House Bill 98 to be in the best interests of the residents of Union County in order to protect the individual liberties which the State of North Carolina and the United States guarantees them.

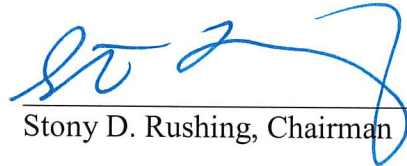
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of Commissioners that the Board supports House Bill 98, and urges both the North Carolina House of Representatives, the North Carolina Senate, and the Governor of North Carolina to enact the bill into law in order to protect the freedoms of Union County residents and all North Carolinians to make their own choices about COVID-19 vaccination for themselves and for their children.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:



Lynn G. West, Clerk to the Board



Stony D. Rushing, Chairman

