

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PIMA COUNTY'S INHABITANTS, REQUIRING PERSONS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS WHEN THEY ARE IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CANNOT EASILY MAINTAIN A CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM ALL OTHER PERSONS

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. On March 19, 2020, Pima County adopted Resolution 2020-18, declaring a state of emergency related to the Covid-19 outbreak. That state of emergency remains in effect.
2. The Covid-19 pandemic is the worst public-health crisis the United States has faced in a century. It has caused over 117,000 confirmed deaths in the United States and infected over 2.1 million people, though the actual numbers of deaths and infections are very likely higher. Many of those who survive Covid-19 will do so only after experiencing serious illness and lengthy hospitalization.
3. On May 15, Governor Doug Ducey allowed his "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected" order, Executive Order 2020-18, to expire, and in its place issued Executive Order 2020-36, "Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger," allowing businesses to reopen subject to physical-distancing and sanitation guidelines.
4. As businesses began to reopen in Arizona and other states, media outlets began reporting on and posting images of people gathering in large groups and failing to abide by physical-distancing guidelines.
5. Since the expiration of Executive Order 2020-18, and in particular in the last two-to-three weeks, Arizona has become a Covid-19 hotspot. It has seen a rapid rise in cases statewide. Before May 15, Arizona had not had a day with more than 560 reported new cases. In recent days over three times that number have been reported per day. Covid-19 hospitalizations, including hospitalizations in intensive-care units, are at record highs. The Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services has asked all hospitals to activate their emergency plans.
6. Arizona's sharp uptick in cases has alarmed public-health experts across the country.
7. SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes Covid-19, is believed to be spread most commonly through respiratory droplets, and a person who is not experiencing