

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



**BRUNSWICK COUNTY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
OVER PERSONAL VACCINATION STATUS**

WHEREAS, the freedom to make personal health choices is one of the most fundamental human rights protected under the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, informed consent is the bedrock of ethical practice in medicine, consisting of three essential elements: access to complete information, patient comprehension, and voluntariness; and

WHEREAS, an alarming number of private and government entities across the United States and around the world are mandating COVID-19 vaccination, coupled with punitive restrictions on freedom, commerce, employment and medical care for non-compliance; and

WHEREAS, there are various reasons why Americans choose not to be vaccinated, including, but not limited to established medical conditions, previous infection and recovery, preference for therapeutics; robust immune systems; prevention of potential adverse events; religious beliefs; intolerance to vaccine ingredients; previous anaphylactic and other reactions; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session House Bill 572, "No Vaccine Mandate by EO, Rule, or Agency" passed the house; and

WHEREAS, during the 2021 legislative session House Bill 686, "An Act Prohibiting State and Local Government Retribution Regarding Refusal of Vaccines" is currently in committee;

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, despite his promise to the contrary, President Biden enacted a sweeping order mandating vaccinations and/or testing requirements for businesses with over 100 employees; and

WHEREAS, we firmly oppose President Biden's over reach of the vaccine mandate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners upholds the United States Constitution and fully supports the individual freedom to choose whether to be vaccinated or unvaccinated. We recognize the historical efficacy of proven vaccines in public health, but rejects policies of mandatory vaccination, regardless of FDA approval and rejects proposals for statewide, nationwide, or global "vaccine passports," "health passes" or similar

policies. We thank and support North Carolina legislators, local government officials and other elected officials for their continued efforts to ensure that the individual freedom to be vaccinated or unvaccinated without penalty or discrimination is fully protected.

Adopted this, the 15th day of November 2021.

Randy Thompson, Chair
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Daralyn Spivey, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board