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**RESCISSION OF THE MARCH 4, 2021, EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR
WEARING FACE COVERINGS IN CITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 12, 2020, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster for the City of Dallas resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 19, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to April 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued April 22, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to May 12, 2020, and continuing concurrently thereafter with the Governor's state of disaster;

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott by Executive Order GA-34, issued March 2, 2021, reopened Texas on a statewide basis effective March 10, 2021;

WHEREAS, by Emergency Regulations, issued on March 4, 2021, Emergency Management Director Eric Johnson mandated face coverings for all persons in city buildings and facilities;

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott, by Executive Order GA-36, issued May 18, 2021, ordered that no governmental entity or governmental official may require any person to wear a face covering or mandate that another person wear a face covering;

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WHEREAS, under GA-36, county and municipal jails, acting consistent with guidance of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, may continue to use appropriate policies regarding the wearing of face coverings;

WHEREAS, under the Texas Supreme Court's Thirty-Sixth Emergency Order, issued March 5, 2021, courts may take any reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19, including requiring compliance with social distancing protocols and face coverings worn over the nose and mouth;

WHEREAS, because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, persons who are not fully vaccinated are still strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this rescission of the March 4, 2021, Emergency Regulations for Wearing Face Coverings in City Buildings and Facilities shall take effect at 8:00 p.m. on May 21, 2021.

SECTION 1. That the Emergency Regulations for Wearing Face Coverings in City Buildings and Facilities, Ordinance No. 31792, issued on March 4, 2021, is rescinded.

SECTION 2. That the ordinances of the City of Dallas shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as rescinded by this ordinance.

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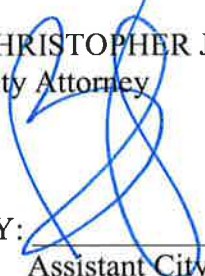
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CITY OF DALLAS

BY: 
ERIC JOHNSON
Mayor

Passed: **MAY 19 2021**


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