RESOLUTION NO. 2021-____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SHASTA OPPOSING FEDERAL & STATE-IMPOSED COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATES

WHEREAS, Shasta County is a political subdivision of the State of California, and, pursuant to the California Constitution, may make laws to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of those in the County that are not in conflict with general laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes and supports the right of its residents to make medical decisions for themselves and their minor children, in accordance with their personal and/or religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has consistently maintained an educationfirst approach to the pandemic, avoiding enforcement and penalties levied against Shasta County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports efforts to ensure that every Shasta County resident who wants a COVID-19 vaccine has access; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that scientific data overwhelmingly shows that vaccines are safe and effective at preventing diseases and that vaccination is a key component in responding to the significant health and economic effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Public Health ("CDPH"), as well as the federal government, have issued orders requiring various facilities under County jurisdiction to verify the COVID-19 vaccine status of all workers and further requiring diagnostic screening testing and masking of all unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers in such facilities; and/or requiring all workers who provide services or work in certain facilities have a COVID-19 vaccination, except for those workers who qualify for a religious or medical exemption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta, State of California, while recognizing its obligation to follow Federal & State law, hereby expresses its opposition to State and federally imposed vaccine mandates for COVID-19 through a one-size fits all approach, whether through Executive Order, California Department of Public Health Guidance, State Public Health Officer Order or any other similar legislation or action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Shasta does not have jurisdiction to prohibit the State or federal government from taking enforcement actions against any person or entity for violations of the State or federally imposed vaccine mandates and facial covering mandates and such mandates remain in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages all Shasta County residents to discuss their personal health history, treatment, and prevention of COVID-19, including vaccination, with their personal physicians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors continues to support the Shasta County Health & Human Services Agency, Public Health Branch, in its efforts to educate our community on the health implications of COVID-19 and effectiveness of vaccination in preventing severe COVID-19 disease.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of September 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

> JOE CHIMENTI, CHAIRMAN Board of Supervisors, County of Shasta State of California

ATTEST:

MATTHEW P. PONTES Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: ___

Deputy