

## **RESOLUTION 20-48**

### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REEVALUATE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS AND BENCHMARKS FOR REGIONAL DATA RELATED TO COVID-19 AND HOW THAT DATA IS APPLIED TO DECISION-MAKING ASSOCIATED WITH MITIGATION MANDATES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-65 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.61) on October 29, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, this Executive Order commanded the imposition of severe restrictions on restaurants and bars within Lake County, including those in Antioch, and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of such restrictions should be done only in circumstances that are absolutely necessary because they work serious hardships on businesses, their owners and their employees and may even cause a number of them to fail and close permanently, and

**WHEREAS**, business failures can, and often do, lead to downstream hardships on working men and women, resulting in bankruptcies, foreclosures and severe disruptions in their lives and those of their families, and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order claimed to be based on solid science and data, but the same was not provided nor made available to the public, despite the impact upon the public by these actions, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Board find that imposing restrictions upon local businesses without disclosing the critically important data and science underlying it is inappropriate, opaque and unfair to the hardworking families in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, imposing those restrictions without explaining the rationale for distinguishing between businesses that are treated differently appears to present an inherent unfairness and undermines confidence in the justification for the restrictions which appear to be viewed by the public as arbitrary at the least and capricious at worst, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Board further find that even if there is a scientific basis for the imposition of restrictions, the scope of the restrictions imposed appears to be disproportionate to the risk presented by allowing restaurants and bars to remain open, and for this reason, the data and methodology used should be given a second review by an independent panel of experts in epidemiology to ensure that the limitations are the very least absolutely necessary to protect the public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, smaller municipalities such as Antioch have limited resources to utilize for the provision of public safety, requiring their corporate authorities to routinely make decisions on what laws, regulations and rules can, and what cannot, be reasonably enforced without

jeopardizing the delivery of police and other safety services in both routine and emergency circumstances,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** The Governor is respectfully requested to order the disclosure of the scientific underpinnings of Executive Order 2020-65, including all relevant data and the methodology used to evaluate the same, without delay. In particular, the Governor is asked to provide information underpinning the selection of bars and restaurants for closure when video gaming and large retail establishments were allowed to remain open.

**SECTION TWO:** The Governor is further respectfully requested to order a re-evaluation of the data used to underpin Executive Order 2020-65 by an independent panel of expert epidemiologists.

**SECTION THREE:** The Village lacks sufficient resources to engage in thorough and widespread investigation and enforcement of the Governor's Executive Order, but it can, and will implement the following protocols to encourage compliance therewith and to foster public safety:


The Village of Antioch will take an incremental approach with regard to the Governor's order and mitigation efforts. The Village will provide outreach and education informing residents, visitors and businesses about mitigation efforts, including compliance with mask mandates, handwashing and social distancing. Complaints involving specific businesses received by the Village Administration, Code Enforcement or Public Safety Departments will be limited to verbal counseling to a business owner/manager on observed violations. If compliance is not obtained, the complaint will be forwarded to the Lake County Health Department for further investigation and/or enforcement and no further action will be taken by the Village. The Village will not be issuing citations for liquor, gaming, or other business violations under the Governor's orders. Enforcement methods may be implemented by state level organizations at their discretion.

**SECTION FOUR:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS,  
ON THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

  
LORI K. ROMINE, VILLAGE CLERK