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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR CARTER

GOVERNOR. Request the governor to issue an executive order requiring certain persons to wear a face covering in public under certain conditions and authorizing businesses to deny admittance to persons without face coverings.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the governor to issue an executive order requiring persons medically
3	able to tolerate a face covering when in a public place or if unable to maintain or not
4	maintaining social distance when in public and authorizing business operators,
5	building owners, and those authorized on their behalf to have the discretion to
6	require any individual over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face
7	covering, to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when
8	entering such business, including the discretion to deny admittance to individuals
9	who fail to comply with such directive which shall be applied in a manner consistent
10	with the American with Disabilities Act.
11	WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency
12	Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., the governor declared a public health
13	emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and
14	WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk
15	of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Louisiana significantly
16	threatens the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state, along with public
17	facilities; and
18	WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory

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1	droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks; and
2	WHEREAS, these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby
3	or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and
4	WHEREAS, studies and evidence on infection control report that these droplets
5	usually travel approximately six feet; and
6	WHEREAS, both the Louisiana Department of Health and the Centers for Disease
7	Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where
8	other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
9	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of Legislature of Louisiana does
10	hereby request that the governor issue an executive order requiring persons medically able
11	to tolerate a face covering when in a public place or if unable to maintain or not maintaining
12	social distance when in public and authorizing business operators, building owners, and
13	those authorized on their behalf to have the discretion to require any individual over the age
14	of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, to cover their nose and mouth with a
15	mask or cloth face covering when entering such business, including the discretion to deny
16	admittance to individuals who fail to comply with such directive which shall be applied in
17	a manner consistent with the American with Disabilities Act.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to
19	Governor John Bel Edwards.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka D. George.

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