

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor to issue an executive order requiring persons medically able to tolerate a face covering who is in a place open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor, and is unable or does not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person not in their household, shall cover their mouth and nose with a cloth face covering, and authorizing business operators, building owners, and those authorized on their behalf to have the discretion to require any individual over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when entering such business, including the discretion to deny admittance to individuals who fail to comply with such directive which shall be applied in a manner consistent with the American with Disabilities Act.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., the governor declared a public health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Louisiana significantly threatens the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state, along with public facilities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks; and

WHEREAS, these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs; and

WHEREAS, studies and evidence on infection control report that these droplets usually travel approximately six feet; and

WHEREAS, both the Louisiana Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request that the governor issue an executive order requiring persons medically able to tolerate a face covering who are in a place open to the public whether indoor or outdoor and are unable or do not maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person not in their household shall cover their mouth and nose with a cloth face covering, and authorizing business operators, building owners, and those authorized on their behalf to have the discretion to require any individual over the age of two and able to medically tolerate a face covering, to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or cloth face covering when entering such business, including the discretion to deny admittance to individuals who fail to comply with such directive which shall be applied in a manner consistent with the American with Disabilities Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor John Bel Edwards.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE