

## Sample Resolution

**WHEREAS**, more than 215,000 Americans have perished from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of (insert county name) to protect citizens and support the public health by controlling the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, (insert county name) has issued county resolution (insert resolution number) regarding COVID-19, (insert short explanation of what resolution does); and

**WHEREAS**, (insert county name) has attempted to balance the health and welfare of its residents while also protecting individual freedoms; and

**WHEREAS**, county health officials are responsible for issuing orders to protect the public health of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, county commissioners are responsible for overseeing public health, as well as the safety of all county employees; and

**WHEREAS**, according to staff at the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments, as of October 17, 2020 over 30 local health officers or administrators have vacated their positions since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a survey conducted by the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments that closed on October 14, 2020, over 64% of respondents indicated that their local health department staff have been threatened regarding COVID-19 response;

### **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

1. The (insert county name) Board of Commissioners hereby affirms the importance of public health in our community, and affirms its continued support of the county health department and its staff.
2. The (insert county name) Board of Commissioners encourages participation in the political process by all county residents, including the expression of dissenting viewpoints.
3. The (insert county name) Board of Commissioners condemns violence and threats of violence, specifically violence that is politically motivated.
4. The (insert county name) Board of Commissioners agrees that threats, harassment, bullying or other aggressive behavior towards any county staff are inappropriate and cannot be tolerated.
5. All incidents of threats, harassment, bullying or other aggressive behavior towards county staff should be reported to local law enforcement for investigation.

6. The (insert county name) Board of Commissioners will strive to protect all county employees from threatening, harassing, bullying and other aggressive behavior in their capacity as county employees.