

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Iron, State of Utah, have issued this resolution:

Governor Herbert issued executive order 2020-74 on November 8th, 2020, which order cannot be uniformly or equitably enforced. Based upon the impact of previous orders and Iron County's unique challenges, Order 2020-74 is more likely to cause damage to Iron County residents through economic loss and consequential self-harm, overdoses, and other social ills, than any potential positive impact resulting from strict enforcement of the order. Until our Governor's office tracks and releases daily data relating to the harms resulting from such orders, we rely upon the data provided to us by our first responders, mental health professionals, and other experts on the ground in evaluating the effects of this order.

The purpose of our very existence as a commission is to protect and enforce the civil liberties of Iron county residents from private and public actors. It would be unconscionable for us to be complicit in enforcing an order threatening steep fines for noncompliance regarding what our residents wear, with whom they peaceably assemble, or how they provide for their families; especially when the order is not narrowly-tailored to prevent the harm it seeks to address. Despite assurances that this order would not impact livelihoods, many of our residents have already been harmed by mere fear of enforcement of this order and some have even suffered acute episodes of self-harm in response to the fear of enforcement.

In order to address these acute and harmful fears of enforcement, WE RESOLVE that Iron County employees and agents shall not enforce Order 2020-74 or any other state-issued Covid-19 mandates unless passed as law by our legislature or otherwise ratified by this commission upon advice of our local experts based upon Iron County's unique circumstances.

We also request the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Iron County Health Department, each Iron County city and town, and every other local law enforcement agency issue a similar resolution prohibiting their employees and agents from enforcing this Order and other state-issued Covid-19 mandates.