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December 21, 2021

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Legislators:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of a Resolution passed by the Village of Akron Board of Trustees on December 20, 2021.

Sincerely,

Jayne DeTine  
Clerk

Enclosure

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**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OPPOSING ERIE COUNTY AND NEW  
YORK STATE'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
WAS OFFERED BY TRUSTEE DARRIN L. FOLGER, WHO MOVED ITS  
ADOPTION SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH on  
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Akron, New York, (the Village Board) recognizes that the Covid-19 Pandemic virus has become a widespread global endemic disease that will likely never be eradicated due to its mutations and that managing it by declaring a State of Emergency and declaring mandates every time a new variant and/or spike in cases arises must not continue, due to negative impacts on mental and societal health, residents' rights and freedoms, and negative impacts on businesses and schools ability to cope with and manage through what will likely be regular occurrences in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that this virus will continue to be part of our everyday life and must no longer be used to infringe on individual and business owner rights and freedoms as a result of declaring a State of Emergency, vaccine mandates, mask mandates and lockdown; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that actions associated with vaccine mandates in the healthcare field has resulted in decreased capacity, due to job terminations, and severely limits the ability to hire and fill positions due to unvaccinated hiring restrictions, increasing, rather than mitigating, the virus's risk to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that a long-term management plan is required to manage the Covid-19 virus and that Erie County and New York State should be proactively addressing hospital capacity issues that impact the health and well-being of our residents instead of suspending certain procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board questions why Erie County is one of the only counties in New York that renewed, every thirty days, the Covid-19 State of Emergency since March 15, 2020. It is our belief that further extensions are not justified; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports proposed legislation in the New York State Senate that would require approval by Village, Town and City Governing Boards any County Executive's or County Health Board's extension of a State of Emergency beyond 30 days within their Village, Town or City; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that the Covid-19 virus has become a long-term widespread global endemic disease and requests that our Village residents, businesses, and schools have the right to determine for themselves their unique requirements for mitigating risks and the Village Board respectfully requests that New York State and Erie County not enter the Village of Akron for the purpose of enforcement of their Covid mandates or associated restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports similar concerns from other Village and Town leaders, such as those serving in Williamsville, Marilla, West Seneca, and Grand Island, whom are also respectfully requesting New York State and Erie County refrain from entering their Villages for the purpose of enforcement of Covid Mandates and/or associated restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board goes on record opposing any further New York State and Erie County vaccine mandates, mask mandates and other Covid-19 restrictions and the Village Board opposes their associated enforcement by outside agencies within the Village of Akron; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Akron Village Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York Kathy Hochul, Senator Edward A. Rath III, Assemblyman Michael J. Norris, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature (for distribution), Legislator Christopher D. Greene and others as deemed necessary and proper.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

I certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Akron on December 20, 2021.

  
Village Clerk