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**TOWN OF BRISTOL RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING FACE COVERINGS
IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) recommend the use of face coverings that cover the nose and mouth whenever inside in a public setting or outdoors where it is not possible or likely to maintain at least six (6) feet of physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19 and its variants and to assist in preventing the unknowing transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Selectboard recognizes that COVID-19 remains a public health crisis throughout the state of Vermont and believes that wearing a face covering indoors is an important act we can do to reduce the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in a special Legislative session called explicitly and solely for this purpose, the Vermont Legislature on November 22, 2021, passed a bill ("S. I") that empowers Vermont municipalities to enact local rules requiring the wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, and the Governor has signed that bill into law; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Selectboard recognizes there are exceptions where the wearing of face coverings is not recommended, necessary, or possible, such as:

- Children under 2 years;
- A person with a disability or medical condition who cannot wear a face covering or cannot safely wear a face covering for reasons related to the disability or medical condition;
- A person for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty;
- A person while eating or drinking inside any establishment that serves food or beverage; and/or
- A person working at an establishment who is fully shielded behind a plastic or other type of protective shield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bristol Selectboard hereby strongly recommends, for the health and safety of the community, that face coverings that cover the nose and mouth be worn in indoor public buildings and spaces.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have affixed their signatures for the Town

of Bristol, this 17th day of January 2022.

John Heffernan. Chair

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