



AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYORS ASSOCIATION, INC.
a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation

COVID-19 and Face Masks Resolution
Sponsored by Mayor McKinley L. Price, DDS

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported there were 2.9 million Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states have begun to reopen retail stores, restaurants, hair salons and barbershops, houses of worship and other major sectors in various degrees following the nationwide lockdown starting in March; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been deemed to be highly transmissible and can be disseminated by individuals who are asymptomatic or unaware that they carry the virus; and

WHEREAS, with the absence of broad-scale testing nationwide, states and localities should assume community transmission or spread is occurring; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC mitigation recommendations, universal precautions, should be required in public spaces such as social distancing practices and use of cloth face covering with some exceptions; and

WHEREAS, community mitigation efforts aim to reduce the rate at which someone infected comes in contact with someone not infected, or reduces the probability of infection if there is contact; and

WHEREAS, the more a person interacts with different people, and the longer and closer the interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread; and

WHEREAS, state, local and tribal governments are uniquely positioned to determine the level of mitigation required to combat the virus in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the African American Mayors Association deems coordination amongst state and local jurisdictions to be vital to effectively addressing the public health crisis,



NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the African American Mayors Association calls on Governors to repeal any orders or rules prohibiting local governments from implementing and enforcing transmission mitigation strategies such as social distance practices and the use of face masks in public spaces as recommended by the CDC.