

COVID-19 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Governor Kate Brown has purported to shut down businesses all over Oregon without adequate transparency and the input of Oregon's elected representatives; and

WHEREAS the Governor has closed the State's schools without adequate planning, imposing enormous hardships upon Oregon parents and students; and

WHEREAS the Governor has purported to act in concert with Washington and California, whose circumstances are very different; and

WHEREAS experience so far demonstrated that COVID-19, while more contagious and virulent than the typical flu virus, is not beyond the capacity of Oregon's health systems to handle, while hospitals remain at below normal utilization, nurses and others are being laid off, and vital health care treatments for non-COVID-19 have been denied; and

WHEREAS the Governor's orders have inflicted widespread and catastrophic unemployment and economic loss; and

WHEREAS isolation and lockdown are increasing instances of depression, suicide attempts, domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse and other mental health crises; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has not allowed Oregon businesses and their customers to develop and implement their own common sense means of mitigating personal risk, and they should be given freedom to do so; and

WHEREAS the Governor has demonstrated a pattern of delay and indecision in getting Oregon back to work; and

WHEREAS the risk to the public health from COVID-19 may never be fully eliminated, and the Governor's actions have failed to balance the human and economic costs of maintaining a lockdown against the potential for disease; and

WHEREAS quarantining is the confining of sick people, while tyranny is the confining of the healthy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Multnomah County Republican Party and the undersigned petitioners demand that Governor Brown immediately remove restrictions put in place by her unlawful and unconstitutional Executive Order ("EO") 20-12, repealing and replacing it with a detailed and careful plan consistent with the science-based guidelines put forth by President Trump at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>.

APPROVED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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