## Simpsonville City Commission RESOLUTION # 2021-007

THE Simpsonville City Commission declares that vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic and should be strongly encouraged for all eligible individuals and have shown to be effective in reducing transmission of COVID-19 and severity of a COVID-19 infection.

WHEREAS, Shelby County recorded a peak 7-day average of 32 people per day during the first week of January 2021<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, City Commission greatly appreciates that the residents of Simpsonville and Shelby County, have demonstrated their strength and resilience by coming together as a community and working to reduce the effects and spread of COVID-19 in our city by their cooperative and determined free will that have produced amazing results; and

WHEREAS, the lower community infection rates allowed for the in-person instruction of Shelby County Schools to resume in Spring of 2021.

WHEREAS, the lower community infection rates allowed for the opening of restaurants and other vital businesses of Shelby County to resume in Spring of 2021.

WHEREAS, the number of persons who test positive for COVID-19 in Shelby County has increased from a 7 day average of less than 1 person per day in early July 2021<sup>2</sup> to a 7 day average of 27 people per day on August 13<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, local hospitals are being inundated with COVID-19 patients and may soon impact the treatment of non-COVID-19 illnesses due to capacity limits; and

WHEREAS, the economic viability, education of our children and the growth of our city depends upon our joint collaboration and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County's vaccination rate, as of August 13, 2021 is 40.4% of the total Population and 47.4% of the eligible population<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS, City Commission wishes to strongly encourage and challenge the public to take steps to protect themselves and others from the pandemic by exceeding their past and demonstrated performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE, as follows, that:

The City Commission hereby declares that vaccination is the leading prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic and should be strongly encouraged for all eligible individuals. All COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the United States are effective against COVID-19, preventing severe disease, hospitalization, and death. The emergence of more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 variants, including Delta, increases the urgency to expand vaccination

<sup>1</sup> https://www.ncdhd.com/covid-19/ - Shelby.jpg

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.ncdhd.com/covid-19/ - Shelby.jpg

https://www.ncdhd.com/covid-19/- County Specific COVID-19 Weekly Update – 8/13/2021

<sup>4</sup> https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view - Shelby County Kentucky

coverage. The currently authorized mRNA COVID-19 vaccines provide protection against variants of concern, including the Delta strain.

On Motion made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Emmons, the above Resolution was passed.

Be it so resolved this 17th day of August, 2021.

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE

BY:

**CARY T. VOWELS, MAYOR** 

ATTEST:

DENISE MILLER, CITY CLERK