EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021 – ____

EXECUTIVE ORDER MODIFYING COVIDO-19 BASED RESTRICTIONS IN TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana by Executive Order 21-09, has determined that beginning on April 6, 2021, certain restrictions implemented over the past year regarding the COVID 19 pandemic, should be modified; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Tipton County, Indiana (hereafter the "Commissioners") can be more restrictive than those guidelines set forth in Executive Order 21-09, but not less restrictive; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 21-09 no longer requires mandatory mask wearing for certain categories of employees and individuals; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that mandatory mask wearing should no longer be required in county buildings and facilities, however, those employees and non employees entering the courthouse or other county facilities to conduct county business, are certainly welcome to continue wearing masks at their own discretion, and if a non-employee who is wearing a mask, enters a county office, then the county employee interacting with that non-employee shall wear a mask while so interacting with that person; and,

WHEREAS, the remainder of those directives contained in the Governor's Executive Order 21-09 should be followed by private businesses and individuals in Tipton County.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commissioners, by its President, does now lift the absolute requirement that masks be worn by the public, office holders, or employees while in county buildings and facilities. Beginning April 6, 2021, those office holders, employees, and non-employees entering the courthouse or other county facilities, may or may not wear masks, at their own discretion. However, if a non-employee who is wearing a mask, enters a county office to conduct county business, then the office holder or county employee interacting with that non-employee shall wear a mask during such interaction. The remaining mandates of the Governor's Executive Order 21-09 shall remain in effect unless specifically modified herein.

FURTHERMORE, this Executive Order shall not affect the current orders of the Indiana Supreme Court, nor the Tipton Circuit Court, requiring persons to wear masks in open court.

BE IT SO DECLARED this 6th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

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