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**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-133**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REQUIRING FACIAL MASKS FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING ANY RESIDENTIAL OR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management governs Local Emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County is currently under a State of Emergency pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-51, as declared by Governor DeSantis on March 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2020-29, dated March 16, 2020, of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, declared a local state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, the local state of emergency has been duly extended every week since its first enactment, with each subsequent extension lasting for an additional seven (7) days; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has caused and continues to cause a significant public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, residential and long-term care facilities continue to be a source of virus outbreaks within Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) previously issued a mandatory facial mask order for all residential and long-term care facilities within their jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Children & Families (DCF) oversees group homes and facilities that serve children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) oversees group homes and facilities that serve persons with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, has determined that issuing a local emergency order requiring the use of facial masks in all residential and long-term care facilities will provide an additional layer of protection to residents residing in those facilities and may help reduce the spread of the virus.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, that:

**Section 1. Facial Masks Required in all Residential or Long-Term Care Facilities.** All staff and anyone entering a residential or long-term care facility must wear a facial mask while in the facility. This order applies to all group homes regardless of whether they are regulated by the DCF, APD or ACHA; provided, however, that residents of such facilities are not required to wear facial masks within their group home settings unless the respective state agency overseeing the facility so requires.

**Section 2. Penalties.** Facilities and individuals that do not comply with this Order on a consistent basis are subject to monetary fines up to \$500 per occurrence, in accordance with Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, Section 252.47, Florida Statutes, and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes. This Order is enforceable by an any county or municipal law enforcement official, code enforcement official, and emergency management official.

