



EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY CLAIBORNE COUNTY MAYOR

NO. 2

AN ORDER TO FACILITAE THE CONTINUED RESPONSE TO COVID-19 BY EXTENDING PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE ORDER PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee on March 12, 2020 declared a State of Emergency to deploy additional resources to combat the spread of the virus and followed that declaration with numerous executive orders directing Tennesseans how to prevent spreading the virus and how to conduct business, attend school, church and other daily activities while protecting ourselves, our friends, and our families from getting sick; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health and other national health experts say the most effective methods of preventing the spread of the virus are to avoid large crowds, stay home when we are sick, keep six feet apart in public from non-family members, wash your hands frequently and wear facial coverings or masks when in public; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to be a significant risk to the United States of America, the State of Tennessee and all parts of Claiborne County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID-19 in Claiborne County, Tennessee continue to rise significantly in all areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is a simple step that everyone in Claiborne County can take to slow the spread of the virus, reducing the need for more drastic and disruptive measures for the economy and job market; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2020 Governor Lee extended the term of Executive Order 54 giving county mayors the authority to require residents and visitors to their counties to wear facial coverings or masks in public; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with other officials within the County, Claiborne County Health Department, Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Services and other local front-line employees the County Mayor finds there is a consensus that the wearing of facial coverings or masks should be required in certain circumstances, and that such a requirement should take effect as soon as possible.