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CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-2022

**RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-2020 WHICH DECLARED A
LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Executive Order No. 01-2020 declared a local disaster emergency within the City of South Bend, Indiana (the City), due to the serious threat to the City and its residents from the uncontrolled spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which then had no known cure nor preventative vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the South Bend Common Council by passage of Resolution No. 4847-20 on April 13, 2020 authorized and consented to an indefinite extension of the local disaster emergency as declared in Executive Order 01-2020 "for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency."

WHEREAS, from March 19, 2020 to the present, COVID-19 and its variants continued to spread within South Bend and cause loss of life, debilitating illness, hospitalization of City residents, exhaustion of hospital and other health care resources, restrictions, closures, and reduction of business, among other tragic and harsh effects; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed and being informed of the current local, state, and national data on the projections for further spread of COVID-19, which includes evidence of steep decline in the number of local hospitalized COVID-19 patients; an increase in capacity for critical care beds, ventilators and other COVID-19 resources; more effective COVID-19 treatment and shorter duration of treatment; an increase in the number of fully vaccinated persons (including booster vaccine); decline in the current omicron variant of COVID-19 and no evidence of an emerging variant; I am persuaded that the need to impose upon South Bend the most extreme form of protection, the local disaster emergency, is no longer required; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of South Bend and its residents that the City return to pre-COVID-19 normal operations

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 01-2020 and the local disaster emergency declared in that Order is rescinded and shall cease effective at eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. on March 1, 2022

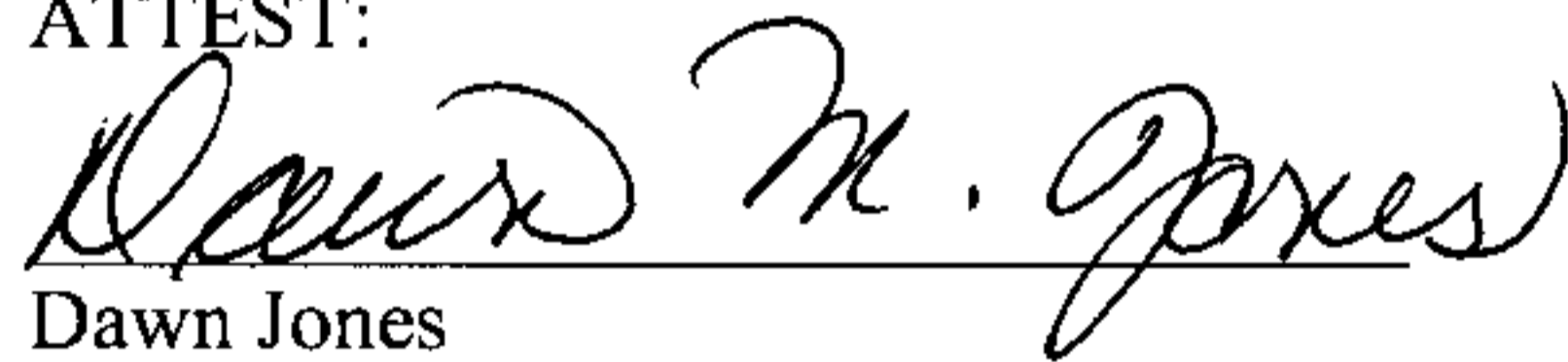
2. All policies, practices, and procedures implemented by the City's departments, commissions, boards, and governing bodies in furtherance of or in reliance upon Executive Order No. 01-2020 shall cease and be of no further force and effect as of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. March 1, 2022.
3. The Clerk of the City of South Bend, pursuant to Ind. Code 10-4-3-29 (a), shall cause a notice of this Executive Order to be filed promptly in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection, and a copy shall be posted promptly on the City's website.
4. Nothing in this Executive Order is intended to, nor shall it be construed to, conflict with, or otherwise infringe upon, any lawful order, directive, or restriction issued by the duly authorized executive, legislative, or judicial body of the County of St. Joseph, State of Indiana, or United State of America.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2022.

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA


James Mueller, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawn Jones
City Clerk

