

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

AN ORDER EXEMPTING OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS FROM EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 20-68

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33, paragraph (h) of House Bill No. 2016, the Board of County Commissioners may issue an order relating to public health that includes provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has consulted with the Osage County Health officer regarding the Governor's November 18, 2020 executive order and makes the following findings:


- a.) Enforcement of the Governor's executive order mandating masks would be difficult, if not impossible and would be an unreasonable strain on county resources such as PPE and local law enforcement.
- b.) Broad ranging recommendations on safety precautions to fight the potential spread of Covid-19 better serve the public's overall interests than Governmental mandates.
- c.) Opting out of the Governor's statewide executive order gives Osage County flexibility going forward to make recommendations or mandates, if necessary, that best protect the health and safety of Osage County, Kansas.

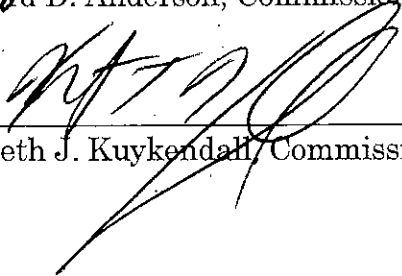
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of County Commissioners of Osage County, Kansas, that Osage County is hereby exempt from the requirements set forth in Executive Order No. 20-68 issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

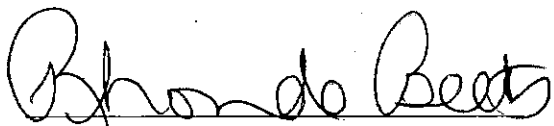
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Fred L. Diver, Chairman

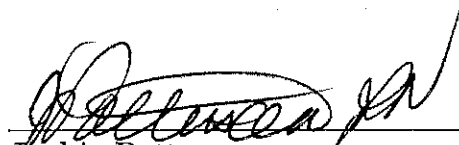
  
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Gaylord D. Anderson, Commissioner

  
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Kenneth J. Kuykendall, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda Beets  
Osage County Clerk

APPROVED BY:

  
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Jackie Patterson  
Osage County Health Officer