

**PROCLAMATION
USE OF FACE COVERINGS**

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a global pandemic characterized as a highly pervasive contagion that spreads rapidly from person to person resulting in possible acute respiratory illness or death; and

WHEREAS, it is believed to be spread by respiratory droplets that come from the mouth and nose and by people who are both symptomatic and asymptomatic by breathing, talking, laughing, coughing, and sneezing; and

WHEREAS, in response to the virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance imploring the population to wear cloth face coverings to capture the respiratory droplets of both symptomatic and asymptomatic people to slow the spread of COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, the overall health and wellness of the community remains the City's highest priority; and

WHEREAS, in a City-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19, the City strongly encourages all residents and visiting friends and family, to wear a face mask or an equally sufficient face covering as a gesture of consideration to others, and the neighborly thing to do; and

WHEREAS, these face masks are to be worn at all indoor locations outside of citizens' private residences and public settings in areas where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that individuals, businesses, schools, and community organizations continue to make health a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional, and educational wellness of residents by strongly encouraging the wearing of face coverings in their areas of operation; and

WHEREAS, we further recognize certain individuals may be unable to wear masks due to pre-existing health limitations and encourage those individuals to remain socially distant from others; and

WHEREAS, the City emphasizes this opportunity to urge all residents and visitors to continue engaging in preventative measures such as the frequent washing of hands, adherence to social distancing, traveling only when necessary, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and other guidance as directed by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention; and

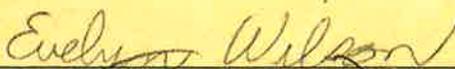
WHEREAS NOW, THEREFORE, I, Evelyn Wilson, Mayor of the City of Groveland, in the State of Florida, on behalf of the City of Groveland, sign this proclamation encouraging all Groveland residents and visitors to assist in the preservation of health by the wearing of face masks in public areas throughout the City.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Groveland to be affixed this date of July 20th in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

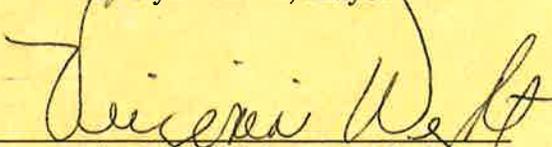
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Attest:





Evelyn Wilson, Mayor



Virginia Wright, City Clerk