

GRAINGER COUNTY MAYOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2

WHEREAS, County Mayor Executive Order #1 requiring residents and visitors of Grainger County to use cloth facial coverings or masks in public spaces and businesses with noted exceptions was issued in an effort to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, County Mayor Executive Order #1 is effective through 11:59 pm December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, in Executive Order # 73 (C-2), has extended the authority for county mayors to issue mask requirements through February 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) opines that wearing masks, following social distancing guidelines, avoiding large crowds and washing hands regularly are effective measures to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases in Grainger County, Tennessee continue to increase significantly and have reached all areas of the community with no regard to age, gender or ethnic group;

WHEREAS, wearing a cloth face covering is a simple step that each resident in Grainger 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grainger County Mayor Mike Byrd, pursuant to authority delegated by Executive Orders #54, #55, #63, #67 and # 70 the laws of the State of Tennessee declare that County mayors Executive Order # 1 will continue and be in effect until 11:59 p.m. February 27, 2021 unless modified or withdrawn by future Orders or by the State of Tennessee.

Issued this 28th day of December, 2020

Mike Byrd, Grainger County Mayor