

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT MASS COVID-19 TESTING, PROVIDE AND DISTRIBUTE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOST MUNICIPAL REVENUES DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is experiencing an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus-2019 also known as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration is still in effect today; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma declared a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration is still in effect today; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Holt issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 public disaster due; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020, the President declared COVID-19 as a major disaster in the State of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) has emphasized the COVID-19 risk to individuals is dependent on exposure, and transmission is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been COVID-19 related deaths statewide with over 60 deaths in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, Oklahoma City-County Health Department (“OCCHD”) states this is the worst public health crisis to face our city in the last half-century; and

**WHEREAS**, our city would benefit immensely by implementing mass testing, producing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE), and receiving authorization for the use of federal funds for municipal revenue shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS**, mass testing includes increasing the production and distribution of COVID-19 tests, including necessary chemicals, swabs, and kits to collect specimens, similar to the strategy implemented in South Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, nationwide mass testing should start with testing for all first responders, health care workers, people over 60, persons in long-term care facilities, and immunocompromised individuals; then expand to testing for the rest of the population; and

**WHEREAS**, with this approach, our city will have an opportunity to find where local spread is occurring so we can socially isolate, engage in contact tracing, and prevent the disease from spreading into more communities; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase in the production and distribution of personal protective equipment is necessary to effectively implement mass testing as well as provide first responders and health care workers with safe working conditions while on the frontline; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that Oklahoma City's sales tax collections will be negatively affected as a result of COVID-19, and our federal government has an opportunity to stabilize this economy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized, and we are appreciative of Oklahoma's Congressional delegation for passing, respectively, historic \$2 Trillion and \$484 Billion federal relief packages; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended and requested that the United States Legislature authorize the use of federal funding, either current or a subsequent federal package, for the replacement of lost municipal revenues resulting from COVID-19 and the necessary measures taken in response to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, such authorization would provide financial relief to local and state governments, like Oklahoma City, that are uniquely and solely dependent on sales tax as its primary revenue source.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City, that this Council supports efforts to implement mass COVID-19 testing, provide and distribute personal protective equipment, and authorize the use of federal funding for lost municipal revenues due to the effects of COVID-19.

**ADOPTED** by the Council and signed by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 12th day of May, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

  
CITY CLERK



  
MAYOR

**REVIEWED** for form and legality.

*Amada Corsetti*  

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**DEPUTY MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**