

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Valuing Liberty

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RESOLUTION No. 2021-037

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Franklin observed, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety"; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Jefferson included within the Declaration of Independence, "...all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves..."; and

**WHEREAS**, Abigail Adams wrote, "A people fired...with love of country and of liberty, a zeal for the public good and a noble emulation of glory, will not be disheartened or dispirited by a succession of unfortunate events"; and

**WHEREAS**, Frederick Douglass proclaimed, "The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose"; now therefore

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that virus-rationalized mandates are the direct enemy of liberty; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that virus-rationalized mandates feed the destructive tribalism that American patriots of both genders and all ancestral backgrounds have courageously opposed for two and a half centuries; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, as contemporary American patriots, will fight using words to protect liberty by devoting a level of passion that models and respects the forgers of our nation; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that virus-rationalized mandates are incongruent with America's responsibility for ensuring that freedom shall not perish from the earth.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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