

## BOARD RESOLUTION October 28, 2020

Whereas, the United States of America is facing the worst public health crisis in recent history; and

Whereas, the State of Idaho and the eight county region served by the College of Southern Idaho are experiencing unprecedented growth in COVID-19 infection rates; and

Whereas, the health care facilities within the Magic Valley and beyond are at or near capacity; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees, collectively and individually as elected officials, have the duty to protect the fulfillment of the College of Southern Idaho's mission while promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the faculty, staff, students, and visitors served by the College; and

Whereas, College leadership has undertaken numerous measures to ensure that the institution creates and sustains a safe learning and working environment; and

Whereas, public health guidelines, proven to be effective in mitigating the spread of the virus and in protecting high risk populations, include the comprehensive use of facial coverings; and

Whereas, the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees supports the previously implemented and ongoing actions taken by College leadership to require facial coverings in all College facilities, but acknowledges that College efforts alone are insufficient within the broad economic and social region of South Central Idaho;

**Therefore**, be it resolved, that the College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees calls upon state, county, and municipal elected officials to similarly implement mandatory facial covering requirements within their jurisdictions as a part of a collective effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, to promote the general public health, and to sustain our collective ability to provide opportunities for those we exist to serve.

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the College of Southern Idaho on this 28th day of October, 2020.

Chair Mittleider: Aye; Trustee Stone: Aye; Trustee Nelsen: Aye; Trustee Scholes: Aye; Trustee McClure: Absent

Vote Attested:

President, Dr/L Dean Fisher, College of Southern Idaho