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3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE FORT WAYNE COMMON COUNCIL**
4 **SUPPORTING NO VACCINE PASSPORT RESOLUTION**
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6 **WHEREAS**, Allen County has led a successful campaign to vaccinate its
7 residents against Covid-19, and as of May 24, 2021, approximately 37% of its
8 citizens have received at least one vaccination, and;

9 **WHEREAS**, over 71% percent of state residents 60 and older are fully
10 vaccinated against Covid-19; and this age group has had access to vaccinations
11 since February; and

12 **WHEREAS**, all populations 12 and older are now are eligible and have access to
13 the vaccine; and

14 **WHEREAS**, 11% of Allen County citizens may already have infection-
15 acquired immunity using reported numbers from the Allen Count Department
16 of Health; and

17 **WHEREAS**, herd immunity, which includes both vaccinated and those with
18 infection-acquired immunity, has either been achieved or will shortly be realized;
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20 **WHEREAS**, the science of the virus has shifted over the course of the
21 pandemic, and although doctors and science professionals now have a better
22 understanding of Covid-19 and effective treatment options than they did when the
23 virus was first identified in the United States in 2020, there are still many differing
24 theories about many aspects of the virus including variants and the need for booster
25 vaccines; and

26 **WHEREAS**, every adult who wants a vaccine has the right to obtain one
27 and the ability to do so, as they are widely available and offered for free, but no
28 vaccine should be mandated or required by law; and

29 **WHEREAS**, people have the right to refuse vaccination based on religious,
30 medical or personal reasons, and every medical intervention requires informed
31 consent and the right of refusal, including the Covid-19 vaccine; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the currently available Covid-19 vaccinations have not yet been
33 fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but have been issued an
34 Emergency Use Authorization and the long-term effects of the vaccine are still
35 unknown; and

1 **WHEREAS**, except in certain healthcare facilities and other exceptional
2 circumstances is it reasonable to ask someone or request that someone disclose
3 any healthcare status, especially as it relates to employment, education, access to
4 events, or engagement in standard commercial or recreational activity; and

5 **WHEREAS**, private health information on vaccine status should not be
6 required by any government mandate or by any business operating places of
7 public accommodation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, widespread adoption of Covid-19 vaccination passports, or any
9 requirement of proof of vaccination by businesses on an allegedly voluntary basis
10 will unduly and unnecessarily restrict the freedom of Americans and harm patient
11 privacy; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Covid-19 vaccination passports will create a two-tiered society,
13 where some people will have rights, and others will lose their freedom by not
14 having the same access to services, experiences, and locations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, once a Covid-19 vaccination passport system is in place, it could
16 be manipulated to restrict freedom based on not just vaccine status, but also on the
17 basis of protected activity (such as the exercise of free speech or religious activity),
18 protected categories (race, ethnicity, sex, disability, etc.), or any personal decision or
19 preference that a government or business considers acceptable; and

20 **WHEREAS**, numerous other governmental units are opposing Covid-19
21 vaccination passports, including the decision by the Indiana General Assembly to
22 ban them in HEA 1405, to be codified as § IC 16-36-11-5; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Fort Wayne Common Council desires to express its
24 opposition to the concept of Covid-19 vaccination passports and to express its
25 support for the rights of individuals and families living in a community to direct their
26 own health futures.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT WAYNE COMMON COUNCIL**,
29 that the Council expresses its opposition to Covid-19 vaccination passports and any
30 other similar governmental requirements that disenfranchises local citizens of the right
31 to make their own health care choices and move freely within society.

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33 Furthermore, it is unreasonable, except in certain healthcare related activities and other
34 exceptional circumstances, to require a person to disclose the status of his or her
35 COVID-19 immunization for employment, education, access to events, or engagement
36 in normal commercial and recreational activities. All adults should have the freedom to
37 evaluate science and seek out appropriate medical opinions, while making decisions for
38 themselves and their families.

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