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Wilson County Citizens;

I have declared another Disaster Declaration and Executive Order effective today. It calls for facial covering to be worn when social distancing cannot be accomplished in local businesses. Facial coverings should be worn anytime you are in close contact with another person unless the person is in your household. This order is for the protection of the other person and for your own protection. Facial coverings do to an extent help prevent the person wearing it from contracting COVID-19, but not as much as preventing the person wearing it from spreading the disease to other people. The reasoning behind this order is to protect all people more especially the elderly and people with compromised immune systems.

The threat of COVID-19 is here and will be here until there is a vaccine. A vaccine will still not eliminate the virus, but will give immunities to the individuals taking the vaccine. We are going to have to learn to live with this, we must be respectful of others, we must watch out for ourselves, and remember as the saying goes, we are all in this together. Like it or not what we do affects other people and we should be courteous and respectful of others, helping to protect them and slow down the spread of COVID-19.

This order does not prevent anyone from doing the same things they are doing now, just have a face covering on when you do it. Remember when the State implemented the Seatbelt Law. Many people complained of how inconvenient it was to wear a seatbelt, but now most of us by habit when we get in the car we put the seatbelt on. This practice has saved many lives and the practice of wearing a face covering can save many lives. Unlike the Seatbelt Law we will eventually be able to stop wearing the face covering unless some people get into the habit of wearing one and continue to do so.

Stay home and stay safe, you are the person responsible for yourself. Be respectful of others and protect yourself by following the CDC guidelines while in the public. Social distance from others staying 6' away, wear face coverings, practice good hygiene (washing hands regularly and use hand sanitizer), and avoid touching your face. May God Bless Wilson County and get us through these trying times.

Wilson County Judge

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