

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 249

Rep. Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge businesses that interact with the public
2 to adopt a "no gloves and/or no mask, no services" policy during
3 the COVID-19 pandemic.

4 Whereas, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease
5 2019 (COVID-19), can stay viable in aerosols and on surfaces
6 between several hours and several days. Because the virus is viable
7 for up to 72 hours on plastics and stainless steel, nearly 24 hours
8 on cardboard, and nearly 4 hours on copper, business owners must
9 encourage healthy hygiene habits and other protective measures to
10 minimize the spread of the virus and keep the customers who
11 patronize their establishments safe; and

12 Whereas, The novel coronavirus has spread across almost the
13 entire world over the past three months, infecting more than 2.5



1 million people. The virus has continued to spread and has infected
2 more than 800,000 people in the United States and killed more than
3 44,000. The proliferation of the virus has given rise to a
4 significant number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan,
5 heavily impacting areas such as Detroit and Oakland County.
6 Therefore, companies must play a part in reducing and retarding the
7 growth of the virus in Michigan by not risking human lives more
8 than necessary; and

9 Whereas, The virus is detectable in aerosols for at least
10 three hours and is spread by clinging to small droplets of moisture
11 from the upper respiratory system, which are expelled when people
12 cough, sneeze, and talk. Small droplets emitted from the mouth and
13 nose may travel much farther than 6 feet, depending on the
14 ventilation in the room. People spending time together in close
15 proximity may be exposed to these small droplets, and for many
16 people, their greatest contact with others may occur when
17 transacting business; and

18 Whereas, Business owners have an obligation to protect their
19 customers from illness and limit their own legal liability. The
20 U.S. Chamber of Commerce claims that a wave of personal injury
21 cases related to COVID-19 could bankrupt businesses. Businesses
22 that are open during the pandemic face the risk of lawsuits for
23 negligence due to a lack of reasonable precautions; and

24 Whereas, There are many things that businesses can do to limit
25 litigation and ensure a greater degree of safety for customers.
26 Measures, such as social distancing and testing, are already being
27 used to combat the virus. However, in light of the new developments
28 about how the virus spreads, the use of other preventative
29 techniques to save lives must be employed by these establishments.



1 For the general public, reasonable precautions like the use of a
2 cloth face cover, which captures droplets and prevents them from
3 being spread into the environment, is recommended by the White
4 House Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
5 to prevent the transmission of the virus from an infected person;
6 and

7 Whereas, Businesses in Michigan should follow the lead of
8 those in other states, such as Pennsylvania, California, Rhode
9 Island, and some parts of Texas, that have adopted policies
10 requiring the use of masks and/or gloves in order to receive
11 service. Such a requirement will help slow the spread of the virus
12 and limit the potential liability businesses face at a time when
13 the economy is already struggling; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge
15 businesses that interact with the public to adopt a "no gloves
16 and/or no mask, no services" policy during the COVID-19 pandemic;
17 and be it further

18 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
19 Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

