

**RESOLUTION NO. 1347**

**A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF BUSINESSES AND CITIZEN CIVIL LIBERTIES AND AGAINST ANY MORE SHUTDOWNS OR UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Canby have the rights and civil liberties afforded to them by the Oregon State Constitution and the United States Constitution, and;

**WHEREAS**, COVID emergency powers have been used by the State of Oregon to restrict and limit various rights and civil liberties of businesses and individuals over the last year and two months—far longer than the thirty (30) days envisioned in Section 10- A of Oregon’s Constitution, and;

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Canby have specifically endured these State-mandated restrictions and limitations against both local business and individual liberties for more than a year, and;

**WHEREAS**, some of the various state’s restrictions on rights and civil liberties during the COVID pandemic have been held by courts to be unconstitutionally overbroad, and;

**WHEREAS**, over the course of the past year and two months, the people and the business operators of the City of Canby have demonstrated the ability to learn and apply safety precautions and best practices regarding COVID-19, and;

**WHEREAS**, the application of certain State-mandated restrictions and limitations have disproportionately, negatively impacted many businesses and citizens more than others; and,

**WHEREAS**, the people of the City of Canby are constitutionally required to have their rights and liberties restored as quickly and equally as possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, several other states of greater population and denser population centers have restored more rights and liberties without an appreciable increase in COVID -related death or hospital overruns; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State-mandated limiting of certain rights and liberties has caused severe economic and other harms, including bankruptcies, exhaustion of financial resources, food and housing insecurities to businesses and individuals in the City of Canby; and,

**WHEREAS**, the state arbitrarily allows full close-quarters access to liquor stores and schools, but continues over-emphasis on restricting or closing restaurants, bars, and gyms without credible statistical evidence of disease spread or prevention over the last fourteen months, inflicts unwarranted systemic discrimination on those 20 plus Canby establishments, many of which employ or are owned or operated by women or persons of color and economic insecurity; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is also well documented that prolonged social isolation, particularly among children and the elderly, coupled with the stresses of economic hardship, have caused a significant rise in domestic violence, crimes of desperation, mental health impacts, and suicide risks, perpetuated upon the citizens of Canby by the State’s unreasonable and overreaching suspension of rights and liberties; and,

**WHEREAS**, any continued limitations will certainly cause even more harm to the people of the City of Canby;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Canby, as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the people of the City of Canby desire and deserve the rights, liberties, and respect afforded them by the Constitutions of the State of Oregon and the United States of America. The rights and liberties that have been temporarily removed need to be recognized and restored to the fullest extent immediately.

This resolution shall take effect May 5, 2021.

**ADOPTED** this 5th day of May 2021, by the Canby City Council.

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Brian Hodson  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa Bisset  
City Recorder