

Greetings from the Sheriff of _____ County, _____

BACKGROUND:

As the elected Sheriff of _____ County, I have taken an oath before the “Supreme Judge of the Universe” to keep the peace and to secure, defend and protect the people of this jurisdiction from threats to their liberties, their livelihoods, and the peaceable enjoyment of their property.

The nature of that solemn oath requires that the actions of the sheriff in the performance of his duty must conform to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of _____.

These documents are the supreme law of the land and describe the powers entrusted to civil government by the consent of the people. They also provide limits to those powers which are absolute, permanent, and perpetual.

Furthermore, these documents are based upon and informed by a philosophy of law and government set forth in the Declaration of Independence which can be summarized as follows:

- 1) All men and women are created by an Almighty, All-knowing, Eternal God.
- 2) God is the Author and Grantor of rights to men and women which are inalienable, universal, and part of His created order. These rights include life, liberty, and property.
- 3) People form civil governments for the purpose of securing and protecting these God-given rights.
- 4) Whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends or violative of this purpose it is the right and the duty of the people to take corrective measures with respect to that government.

CURRENT CRISIS:

In March of last year, the Governor of this state issued executive orders closing businesses, churches, schools and denying the people of this state their God-given and constitutionally protected right to travel, to worship, to assemble, and to exercise personal autonomy respecting wearing face masks or other medical devices. When these directives were first issued, they were accompanied by statements indicating they were an attempt to deal with a medical catastrophe and were expected to extend for only fourteen days.

Despite several judicial rulings that these measures lack constitutional authority, the governor has expanded and extended these orders for more than fourteen months.

During this time there has been a coordinated and constant effort by media and some government agencies to justify the suspension or denial of God-given, constitutionally protected rights under a plea of emergency; but this is precisely what is forbidden by the Constitution of the United States.

Moreover, the Constitution of _____ provides that all lawmaking power is vested in our state legislature and further provides that the powers and authorities of one branch of government shall not be discharged by an official from a different branch.

Lawmaking power being thus vested in the legislature, the Governor has no constitutional authority to make law. Therefore, the edicts of the Governor (or a health department subordinate), whether they are characterized as mandates, orders, proclamations, or directives, are not law and cannot be lawfully enforced.

In point of fact, no governor, in any state, has the authority to suspend the Constitution. And any attempt by a Governor to suspend Constitutional rights is an act of lawlessness and a violation of his/her oath of office.

When I took my oath of office as Sheriff, I swore obedience and fidelity to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of this State. I did not swear allegiance to a mayor or a governor or a health department bureaucrat.

Fidelity to my oath requires that I abstain from enforcing any edict or order from a Governor, or any executive, which lacks constitutional authority. Moreover, my sworn duty requires that I resist such edicts and orders and act in such a manner as to shelter and protect the citizenry from all acts of lawlessness, even and especially when they originate from civil authorities.

CONCLUSION:

Accordingly, the Office of Sheriff of _____ County, has and will continue to adopt and execute policies and procedures consistent with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State. These policies and procedures apply to the Sheriff, all Deputy Sheriffs, all employees of the Office of Sheriff and anyone acting under the authority of the Office of Sheriff and include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) This Office will not in any way assist in the enforcement of any order, edict, mandate, proclamation, directive, regulation, etc., that violates the rights of the people to:
 - a. Move about freely
 - b. Wear or not wear any medical device they may choose

- c. Freely express their religious beliefs, and freely engage in the practice thereof
 - d. Freely speak their opinions
 - e. Assemble
 - f. Keep and bear arms
 - g. Lawfully engage in business activities without interference by representatives of any government, or agency or agent thereof, notwithstanding any real or ostensible public health emergency
 - h. Engage in any other activity protected by the Constitution of the United States or by the Constitution of this State.
- 2) This Office will not assist in the enforcement of any civil action or any criminal charge against any person for trespass which is based on that person's failure to comply with unconstitutional mandates or orders.
 - 3) This Office will arrest, detain, and recommend prosecution of any government official or agent thereof who knowingly and deliberately violates the rights of the people under the pretended authority of an unconstitutional order, edict, mandate, proclamation, directive, or regulation.
 - 4) This Office will arrest, detain, and recommend prosecution of any government official or agent thereof who uses his or her position or office to influence any private (non-governmental) person or corporation to act in such a way as to coerce any person or entity to comply with unconstitutional orders, edicts, mandates, proclamations, directives or regulations.

- 5) The Bill of Rights will be strictly enforced within the jurisdictional boundaries of this County.

The people of _____ County, are entitled to the protection of their God-given and constitutionally protected rights. As the elected chief law enforcement official of this jurisdiction, it is the responsibility, duty and privilege of the Sheriff to do everything in his or her lawful power to protect, defend and secure these rights.

Signed,

Sheriff _____ of _____ County, _____