## TOWN OF CLIFTON 'MASK MANDATE' RESCINDED:

PSA Issued by Luis M. Montoya, Mayor – June 7, 2021

On June 24, 2020, on behalf of the Town of Clifton, I issued a Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency related to COVID-19 and mandating face coverings being worn by all persons within the Town's jurisdiction when in public places or at work, including retail establishments, restaurants, and grocery stores. This Proclamation is to remain in effect until modified or rescinded. Effective on June 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm the forementioned Proclamation mandating mask coverings in the Town of Clifton is hereby rescinded.

The decision to rescind our "face mask" policy is being made because the Town of Clifton (both residents and businesses) masked up ad followed the advice of our public health officials and the CDC and now finds our community in a position where cases are low and we can take additional steps to fully return to normal. As part of that advice, all of us need to know that individual businesses and event organizers within the Town still have the option to continue to require masks, social distancing, and other preventive measures if they choose to do so. Additionally, businesses have the right to refuse services to anyone who doesn't comply with their specific rules regarding COVID-19 mitigation strategies.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses, residents, and visitors of the Town of Clifton for their cooperation ad adherence to our "mask mandate" the past year. I also urge everyone to continue to exercise the effective habits we've learned so far on how to lessen the impact of the pandemic, including social distancing, good hygiene and mask wearing when distancing is difficult. Finally, I encourage everyone that is able and has not yet done so, to consider getting vaccinated as quickly as possible.