



A Resolution addressing the COVID-19 Global Pandemic

Committee: Health

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1. **Whereas** the “Coronaviruses are a group of related viruses that cause disease in
2. mammals and birds. In humans, coronaviruses cause respiratory tract infections that can
3. range from mild to lethal. Mild illnesses include some cases of the common cold (which
4. has other possible causes, predominantly rhinoviruses), while more lethal varieties can
5. cause SARS, MERS, and COVID-19. Symptoms in other species vary: in chickens, they
6. cause an upper respiratory tract disease, while in cows and pigs they cause diarrhea.
7. There are yet to be vaccines or antiviral drugs to prevent or treat human coronavirus
8. infections.”[1]
9. **Whereas** In December 2019, a pneumonia outbreak was reported in Wuhan, China. On
10. December 31, 2019, the outbreak was traced to a novel strain of coronavirus, which was
11. given the interim name 2019-nCoV by the World Health Organization (WHO), later
12. renamed SARS-CoV-2 by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses. Some
13. researchers have suggested the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market may not be the
14. original source of viral transmission to humans.
15. **Whereas** according to the Center for Disease control, the “Coronavirus disease 2019
16. (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that
17. causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation
18. into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.”
19. **Whereas** the first of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020.
20. The disease spreads between people that are in close contact (under 6 feet) through
21. droplets that are produced when a person sneezes or coughs.[2] People can also get
22. COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their
23. own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.
24. **Whereas** the symptoms of COVID-19 vary and are as follows: fever has occurred in

25. 88.4% of severe cases and 81.4% of non-severe cases, cough has occurred in 71.1% of
26. severe cases and 65.7% of non-severe cases, fatigue in 60.3% of severe cases and 44.2%
27. in non-severe cases, Dyspnea in 44.2% of severe cases and 5.7% of non-severe cases,
28. sputum production in 37.6% of severe cases and 28% of non-severe cases, shortness of
29. breath in 35.7% of severe cases and 12.8% in non-severe cases, myalgia in 26% of severe
30. cases and 13.1% in non-severe cases, chill in 26% in severe cases and 10.9% in non
31. severe cases, dizziness in 16.1% of cases and 12.1% in non-severe cases, headaches in
32. 11.3% of severe cases and 13.5% in non severe cases, sore throat in 7.8% of cases and
33. 9.7% in non-severe cases, nausea or vomiting in 5.9% of severe cases and 5.7% in
34. non-severe cases, Diarrhea in 5.7% of the severe cases and 5.8% of non-severe cases, and
35. nasal congestion in 2.8% of the cases and 5.1% of the non-severe cases. [3]

36. **Whereas** COVID-19 is spread between people who are in close contact to one another. It
37. is also spread through droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or
38. talks. It may be possible to get COVID-19 by touching objects or surfaces that have the
39. virus on it. COVID-19 is spreading “very easily and sustainably between people”. [7]
40. **Whereas** it is possible to have COVID-19 and not have any symptoms. It is also possible
41. to spread COVID-19 even if you do not have any symptoms.

42. **Whereas** there are a total of 63,294,405 known cases of COVID-19 with 1,469,096
43. deaths, 21,252,789 active cases and 40,572,520 recoveries worldwide. [4] As of
44. December 1, 2020, The United State of America has 13, 294,405 cases.[5]

45. **Whereas** according to the Center for Disease Control, as of December 1, 2020, Alabama
46. has 249,524 cases reported, Alaska has 31,323 cases reported, American Samoa has three
47. cases reported, Arizona has 326,817 cases reported, Arkansas has 157,359 cases reports,
48. California has 1,212,968 cases reported, Colorado has 232,905 cases reported,
49. Connecticut has 117,295 cases reported, Delaware has 36,343 cases reported,

Washington

50. DC has 21,552 cases reported, Florida has 938,370 cases reported, Georgia has 471,563
51. cases reported, Guam has 6,889 cases reported, Hawaii has 17,708 cases reported, Idaho
52. has 101,698 cases reported, Illinois has 726,304 cases reported, Indiana has 338,977
53. cases reported, Iowa has 229,448 cases reported, Kansas has 157,446 cases reported,
54. Kentucky has 179,041 cases reported, Louisiana has 232,414 cases reported, Maine has

55. 11,976 cases reported, Marshall Island has zero cases reported, Maryland has 201,135
56. cases reported, Massachusetts has 228,225 cases reported, Michigan has 388,942 cases
57. reported, Micronesia has zero cases reported, Minnesota has 318,763 cases reported,
58. Mississippi has 154,411 cases reported, Missouri has 299,762 cases reported, Montana
59. has 62,198 cases reported, Nebraska has 128,407 cases reported, Nevada has 152,169
60. cases reported, New Hampshire has 29,994 cases reported, New Jersey has 337,304 cases
61. reported, New Mexico has 97,095 cases reported, New York has 336,001 cases reported,
62. North Carolina has 364,512 cases reported, North Dakota has 79,655 cases reported,
63. Northern Marianas has 106 cases reported, Ohio has 421,063 cases reported, Oklahoma
64. has 205,999 cases reported, Oregon has 75,431 cases reported, Palau has zero cases
65. reported, Pennsylvania has 361,478 cases reported, Puerto Rico has 53,320 cases
66. reported, Rhode Island has 56,723 cases reported, South Carolina has 217,487 cases
67. reported, South Dakota has 80,464 cases reported, Tennessee has 374,493 cases reported,
68. Texas has 1,168,111 cases reported, Utah has 195,706 cases reported, Vermont has 4,172
69. cases reported, The US Virgin Islands has 1,550 cases reported, Virginia has 240,064
70. cases reported, Washington has 165,019 cases reported, West Virginia has 47,842 cases
71. reported, Wisconsin has 411,730 cases reported, and Wyoming has 33,305 cases
reported.

72. [8]

73. **Whereas** there is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. There is no antiviral
74. treatment for COVID-19 . Experts encourage everyone to wear a mask, practice social
75. distancing and stay home whenever possible.

76. **Whereas** people with pre-existing conditions, people of color, Low Income people,
77. senior citizens, young people, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, women,
78. immigrants, the homeless community, incarcerated people, caretakers and healthcare
79. providers tend to be more vulnerable in times of crisis.

80. **Whereas** the pandemic has exacerbated issues that existed prior to COVID-19, like
81. income inequality, healthcare inequality, homelessness, police violence, domestic and
82. gender-based violence, child abuse, nursing home standards, voter suppression, getting an
83. accurate census count,

84. **Whereas** the pandemic has highlights the need for more paid leave, sick leave, family

85. leave, telemedicine options, health care, rent accommodations, unemployment benefits,
86. entrepreneurship protections, safety protocols for essential workers, criminal justice
87. reform, holistic reproductive care,
88. **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the National Organization of Black Elected
89. Legislative Women demands a national mask mandate and federal plan to stop the spread
90. of COVID-19. NOBEL Women encourages everyone to practice Physical Distancing of
91. at least six feet and practice thorough hand-washing.
92. **Be it further resolved** that NOBEL Women will continue to educate our members about
93. the best ways forward during this pandemic. This includes organizing digital educational
94. webinar sessions, pushing proposals for local legislation to help expand benefits and
95. mandates as needed.
96. **Be it finally resolved** that NOBEL Women supports mass testing, funding for small
97. business owners, extended unemployment benefits, livable wage accommodations, and
98. hazard pay for essential workers.

Resources

1. Wikipedia- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019%E2%80%9320_coronavirus_pandemic_by_country_and_territory
2. CDC Fact Sheet- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
3. <https://www.cebm.net/covid-19/covid-19-signs-and-symptoms-tracker/>
4. https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/?utm_campaign=homeAdvegas1?
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