

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURRIETA,  
CALIFORNIA, ADDRESSING STATE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ON  
BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is an extremely virulent and contagious virus that has killed over 300,000 precious Americans; and

WHEREAS, we honor and praise all our medical first responders, members of our public safety agencies, grocery store employees, truck drivers, and others, who have courageously worked to ensure our safety and survival; and

WHEREAS, the businesses of Murrieta have diligently followed recommended safety protocols such as wearing a mask, social distancing, and washing hands; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Gavin Newsom has enacted another State shutdown continuing a trend of “moving the goal posts” on our struggling businesses, small, medium and large; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s order reinforces a discriminatory definition of essential versus non-essential businesses that is flawed and favors certain businesses over others; and

WHEREAS, every small, medium and large business is essential to their owners and loyal clients & customers, many of whom, have sunk their life savings, blood, sweat, and tears to become successful; and

WHEREAS, Murrieta small, medium and large businesses need to unite and require a nondiscriminatory definition of “essential business” which is lacking and forcing the demise of Murrieta businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Murrieta stands by their small, medium and large businesses impacted by our authoritarian Governor, and, hereby demands across the board fairness to all businesses trying to survive this pandemic while coping with edicts of Governor Newsom; and

WHEREAS, shutting businesses down will put many in harms way of permanently closing; and

WHEREAS, closing businesses will no longer pay payroll taxes to the State of California and will increase unemployment rolls, putting the State of California finances in jeopardy, and further, decrease necessary sales tax revenue to the City of Murrieta challenging our ability to balance future budgets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Murrieta, California, does hereby ordain and opine, that **ALL businesses who provide a service or product are to be defined as essential** if following appropriate proven safety protocols, and demands that our Governor reconsider his unfair and uncompassionate discrimination on which businesses can stay open and survive, and which businesses must stay closed and face demise.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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Scott Vinton, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Leslie E. Devaney, City Attorney

I, Cristal McDonald, City Clerk of the City of Murrieta, California, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Cristal McDonald, City Clerk