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2021 SENATE RESOLUTION 2

January 12, 2021 - Introduced by Senators Larson, Agard, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Smith, Roys, Bewley, Pfaff, Ringhand, Wirch, L. Taylor and Johnson.

Relating to: mandatory wearing of masks in state capitol.

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets" which travel through the air when individuals "cough, sneeze, talk, shout, or sing"; and

Whereas, the CDC recommends that "Everyone 2 years of age and older should wear a mask in public settings and when they are around people who do not live in their household"; and

Whereas, elected officials should set a clear and unified example for the public by following proper public health recommendations and adhering to the highest levels of safety precautions; and

Whereas, wearing masks is a simple and critically important action that can reduce the rate of COVID-19 infections, support our economic recovery efforts, prevent our health system from becoming overwhelmed, and save lives; and

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Whereas, the failure to wear a mask unnecessarily risks the health and well-being of our fellow citizens, lawmakers, capitol staff, law enforcement and health care professionals, especially those who have compromised immune systems or fall under other high-risk categories; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, That all persons shall wear a face mask and maintain a proper social distance at all times in the state capitol building, except if a person has a certified medical reason or excuse. Violations are subject to all applicable penalties under law, including civil forfeitures for each violation.

9 (END)