WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created the need for changes to our normal ways of living; and

WHEREAS, masks have been proven to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, it is important to protect the health and safety of the members, staff, and guests of the Missouri House of Representatives against the ongoing, long-lasting, and escalating COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, One Hundredth General Assembly, First Extraordinary Session, hereby deem it necessary to immediately amend our rules to require our members, staff, and guests to wear masks while in the capitol building, except while eating or drinking, and further excepting those individuals with disabilities making it difficult or harmful to wear a mask.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the members of the House of Representatives.