

Resolutions

RESOLUTION #3

Safely Reopen Large Trade Shows, Concerts and other Musical and Theatrical Performances

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WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that has spread among people through respiratory transmissions, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker enacted powers under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act due to the infectious spread of COVID-19 which constituted an epidemic and a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-04 which cancelled all public and private gatherings in the State of Illinois of 1,000 or more people for the duration of the Disaster Proclamation. A public or private gathering includes any event in which appropriate social distancing measures cannot be maintained, such as concerts, festivals, conferences, sporting events, or other planned events with large numbers of people in attendance; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, Governor Pritzker, issued an Executive order 2020-07 which suspended food or beverages for on premises consumption-including restaurants, bars, grocery stores and food halls; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020 Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10 that required non-essential businesses to close and put in place a “stay in shelter” policy to prohibit non-essential travel and movement of Illinois citizens; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed Illinois Executive Order 36 Restoring Illinois Protecting Our Communities - to safely and conscientiously resume activities that were paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order lifts the stay at home mandate, but encourages Illinoisans to continue to social distance as one of the best strategies to avoid being exposed to the virus; and

WHEREAS, these Executive Orders saved hundreds of thousands of Illinois residents from contracting the COVID 19 virus. In addition, over 1.5 million Illinoisans have been tested with a positivity rate of 2 percent making Illinois as a leader among all states in declining positivity; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020 Illinois entered into Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan due to a continued decline in the rate of infection in new COVID-19 cases, hospitals having capacity that can quickly adapt for a surge of new cases, testing that is widely available and tracing is a commonplace; and

WHEREAS, in Phase 4, indoor seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers are limited to the lesser of up to 50 guests OR 50% of overall theater or performance space capacity and of overall theater or performance space capacity. Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; and film production is allowed no more than 50% of sound stage or filming location capacity and crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer; and

WHEREAS, the livelihood of thousands of Illinoisans are dependent on large trade shows, concerts and other musical and theatrical performances; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Illinois AFL-CIO urges the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago to continue to explore avenues to allow for the reopening of large trade shows, concerts and other musical and theatrical performances in which audience members, performers and other personnel feel safe by checking temperatures of all patrons and personnel, deep cleaning after every performance, requiring face coverings except when performing and implementing the latest technology for contact tracing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be submitted to Governor JB Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot.