

**WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-85- 09**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING CONTINUATION OF  
STAGE 4.5 OF THE BACK ON TRACK INDIANA PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana, on March 6, 2020, under Executive Order 20-02, declared a public health emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana, on March 16, 2020, under Executive Order 20-08, issued a stay at home order which imposed various economic restrictions on all Hoosier citizens and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana, on May 1, 2020, under Executive Order 20-26, outlined the roadmap to reopen Indiana, including the stages of the Back on Track Indiana plan, and the gradual lessening of economic restrictions;

WHEREAS, there are in effect certain economic restrictions imposed by Governor Eric Holcomb as part Stage 4.5 of the Back on Track Indiana plan under Executive Orders 20-35, 20-26, and 20-39, until August 27, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Wabash County economy is highly dependent upon retail, restaurant, tourism, and industry, and such economic restrictions have had a significant negative impact on the citizens and businesses within Wabash County;

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2020, according to the Indiana COVID-19 Data Report Dashboard, Wabash County has only had 190 positive cases of COVID-19 and 5 deaths related to COVID-19 since March 27, 2020, and our hospitals and clinics are not overburdened by the number of COVID-19 cases; and


WHEREAS, based on Wabash County's COVID-19 data, continuation of Stage 4.5 of the Back on Track Indiana and related economic restrictions is no longer necessary for Wabash County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Wabash County Council opposes any further continuation of Stage 4.5 of the Back on Track Indiana plan and the related economic restrictions for Wabash County. The Wabash County Council supports moving to Stage 5 of the Back on Track Indiana plan and fully reopening the economy as being in the best interests of the citizens of Wabash County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2020.

WABASH COUNTY COUNCIL

  
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Kyle Bowman, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor