



## PROCLAMATION

### **"Get Fully Vaccinated, Get Your Booster, and Wear a Mask Awareness Month"**

**WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 Omicron variant is highly contagious and will continue to spread throughout our state and our city; and

**WHEREAS:** Only 50.2% of those vaccinated in Maine have received their booster; and

**WHEREAS:** Being fully vaccinated and getting the booster provides the best protection against infection and avoiding hospitalization; and

**WHEREAS:** Following the CDC recommendations to wear mask while in public spaces indoors further reduces the likelihood of transmission; and

**WHEREAS:** The strain endured over the past two years by our health care system including, Waldo County General Hospital and other healthcare providers, needs to be reduced; and

**WHEREAS:** It's important to keep our community healthy so students, educators, and support staff can safely remain in schools; and

**WHEREAS:** The need for employees of Belfast's businesses to quarantine and isolate, which causes disruption and hardship to our local economy, needs to be reduced; and

**WHEREAS:** Being fully vaccinated, getting the booster, and masking indoors in public settings will positively contribute to the continued health and well-being of Belfast residents.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Eric Sanders, Mayor of Belfast, Maine, do hereby proclaim February, 2022 as ***"Get Fully Vaccinated, Get Your Booster, and Wear a Mask Awareness Month"*** in the City of Belfast.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of February, 2022.

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