

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF [your county name] County
Board of Commissioners to eliminate Smoking in
Workplaces and Public Places**

Whereas, tobacco-related disease is the number one cause of death to Michigan residents, killing more people than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, fires, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides...combined;

Whereas, secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in this country, killing up to 60,000 non-smokers in the U.S. each year, 1,900 in Michigan; (Glantz, S.A. AHA Circulation, 1991:831:12; Johnson D. AHA Circulation, 1992:699-702; Kawachi, I. Circulation, 1997:2374-2379)

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified secondhand smoke a Group A Carcinogen--a substance known to cause cancer in humans; (EPA Office of Research and Development, 1992)

Whereas, smoke from the burning end of a cigarette contains over 4,000 chemicals and 40 carcinogens including: formaldehyde, cyanide, arsenic, carbon monoxide, methane and benzene. (EPA, 1989)

Whereas, Designated smoking sections do not eliminate non-smokers' exposure to secondhand smoke; (US Surgeon General's Report, 1986)

Whereas, both the EPA and the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health recommend that to protect non-smokers in enclosed areas, smoking must be eliminated, or be restricted to rooms that have a separate ventilation system which is exhausted directly to the outside; (EPA, 1989; NIOSH, 1991)

Whereas, secondhand smoke is a risk factor for respiratory disease causing up to one million asthma attacks per year, ear infections (300,000) in children, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (2,500), negative effects the fetus, and many additional negative health effects for young children including gum disease; CDC, 1994

Whereas, clean indoor air regulations are public health issues, local governments not only have the right, they have the responsibility to enact them for the health benefits of all residents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

This [name of group supporting a regulation] does hereby certify its approval of the [your county name] County Commissioners action to protect public health by passing a no smoking regulation in workplaces and public places.

Signature

Date

