

# CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION# 8344

DATE 5-29-14

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## RESOLUTION YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY

**WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to secondhand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growths and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 American each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases, and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year and

**WHEREAS**, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, and suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined, and

**WHEREAS**, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old, and

**WHEREAS**, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses, and

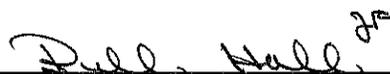
**WHEREAS**, to help role model nonsmoking behavior to children and youth, to provide children, youth, and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Williamsport, as follows:

1. That the City's parks and playgrounds where children are present shall be designated as tobacco-free;

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City Clerk

  
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President

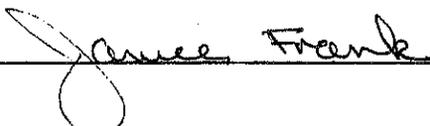
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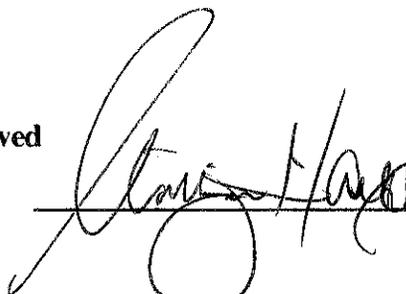
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2. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco-free areas;
3. The residents of the City shall be notified of this Resolution.
4. The emphasis on enforcing the tobacco-free policy is through voluntary compliance.

  
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City Clerk

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President