

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY RECREATION PARK AS A TOBACCO-FREE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans 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, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined; and,

WHEREAS, almost 90% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 14 years old; and,

WHEREAS, 3,000 youth become regular smokers each day and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, improperly discarded cigarette and cigar butts contribute to litter and minor but offensive pollution of our county; and

WHEREAS, to help model tobacco-free behavior for children and youth and to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, clean, smoke-free environment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

The use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes is prohibited at all times in all areas of those county owned parks within 50 feet of playground equipment and other facilities designed primarily for use by children.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida this _____ day of _____, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST
Lori Hines, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Noah Lockley, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____, Franklin County Attorney