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RESOLUTION #2024-04

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROTECT MI KIDS BILL PACKAGE IN THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE THAT WILL ADDRESS THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE STATEWIDE TOBACCO PREVENTION POLICIES

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in Michigan and harms nearly every organ in the body. Most adults who smoke want to quit and wish they never would have started; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use imposes a terrible toll on families, businesses, and government. Tobacco kills more than 16,200 Michiganders annually – more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and

WHEREAS, tobacco costs Michigan over \$5.33 billion in health care expenditures and more than \$11.5 billion in lost productivity each year; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of 12 states that make up the “Tobacco Nation” where the smoking prevalence is significantly higher compared to the rest of the country. Tobacco Nation residents live shorter lives and face a higher risk of dying than other Americans, with an average life expectancy of 76 years compared to 79 years in the rest of the country.

WHEREAS, flavored tobacco products play a key role in youth initiation. In 2023, 90.3% of U.S. high school students and 87.1% of middle school students who currently use e-cigarettes reported using a flavored e-cigarette during that time. Most youth who use e-cigarettes and cigars say they use the product "because they come in flavors I like."

WHEREAS, historically, cigarette companies have disproportionately marketed menthol products in predominantly Black communities by using culturally tailored advertising images and messages, and as a result, 85% of African American adult smokers use menthol products, which is three times the rate of menthol use among white adult smokers. The continued availability of menthol cigarettes exacerbates tobacco-related health disparities; and

WHEREAS, if menthol cigarettes were no longer available, an estimated 32,500 additional adults in Michigan who smoke would quit smoking, including 13,700 Black adults; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry spends over \$300 million marketing its deadly products in Michigan each year while Michigan invests less than 2% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended state spending on tobacco prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan state law prohibits local governments from enacting policies that regulate the sale and licensure of tobacco and nicotine products, keeping local communities from protecting kids’ health; and

WHEREAS, despite being one of the most effective tobacco control interventions according to the U.S. Surgeon General, Michigan currently has no state tax on e-cigarettes or vaping products that contain nicotine and has not increased its tax on cigarettes in nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only ten states that does not require retailers to be licensed to sell tobacco making it almost impossible to know which stores are selling tobacco products and enforce laws like prohibiting tobacco sales to kids; and

WHEREAS, current state laws prohibiting and penalizing the possession, use, and purchase of tobacco products by minors, are ineffective as deterrents to youth smoking, are often enforced inequitably, and currently retailers are not held accountable for selling to minors; and

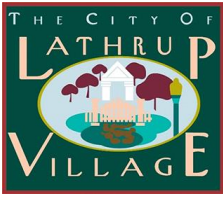
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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 647 aims to restore local control and repeal a state law prohibiting local governments from enacting ordinances and regulations about the sale or licensure of tobacco products, empowering local communities to pass stronger tobacco control measures to protect their residents, particularly youth, if they so choose; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 648 proposes to establish a new tax on e-cigarettes and increase taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, with revenue generated dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and enforcement of tax and smoke-free air laws, aligning with evidence-based strategies to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 649 and 650 aim to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol-flavored cigarettes, recognizing the significant role flavors play in driving tobacco-related inequities and youth initiation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 651 and 652 seek to establish a statewide Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) program, requiring all establishments selling nicotine or tobacco products to obtain a license, thereby enhancing compliance with existing tobacco sales regulations and reducing youth initiation to nicotine and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 653 and 654 repeal provisions in the Youth Tobacco Act that impose civil and criminal penalties on minors for purchasing, using, or possessing tobacco products;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lathrup Village City Council supports the Protect MI Kids Bill Package (SB 647-654) and urges the Michigan Legislature to swiftly pass these critical bills in their entirety to protect the health and well-being of Michigan's residents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lathrup Village City Council directs the City Administrator to send a copy of this resolution to: the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the chair of the Michigan Senate Committee on Local Government, the chair of Michigan Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform, the chair of the Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Health Policy, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Tax Policy, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

- Yay:
- Nay:
- Absent:
- Abstain:

I, Mike Greene, the duly appointed City Administrator of the City of Lathrup Village, Oakland County, Michigan, certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Lathrup Village at a meeting held on April 15, 2024, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my official signature on this 15th day of April 2024.

Mike Greene – City Administrator

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