September 12, 2023 Town Council Regular Meeting

## A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT VOLUNTARY TOBACCO FREE AND E-CIGARETTE FREE AREAS IN TOWN PARKS

WHEREAS, smoking increases risk for disease, disability and death for smokers and those who are exposed to second-hand smoke throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to even small amounts of secondhand smoke are at a heightened risk for adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, cigarette butts and one-use disposable e-cigarette products lead to increased litter in parks, playgrounds and sidewalks, causing pollution and degradation of our streams and ponds; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging tobacco free and e-cigarette free areas the Town of Warrenton aims to reduce the normalcy and social acceptability of smoking behaviors and encourage the role modeling of healthy behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, by committing to and partnering with the Share the Air campaign, the Town of Warrenton promotes a clean, healthy, and safe environment for the community

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Warrenton Town Council of the Town of Warrenton, Virginia that voluntary tobacco free and e-cigarette free areas will be within 50 feet of any sporting event, spectators or gathering in parks shall be adopted and signed accordingly calling for voluntary nonsmoking.

ATTACHMENT: Share the Air Commitment Form

<u>Votes:</u> Ayes: Nays: Absent from Vote: Absent from Meeting:

**For Information:** Parks and Recreation Director

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**Town Recorder**