

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

Resolution #2018 - 10

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 second-hand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and 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, heroin, homicide, 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

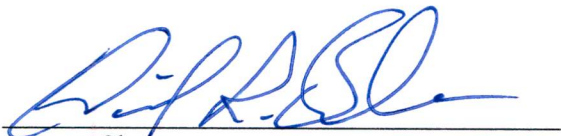
WHEREAS, everyday and estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking 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 East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors, County of *Lancaster*, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. That the areas of Community Park, Flory Park and Lafayette Tower Park within E. Lampeter where children are present shall be designated as tobacco-free;
2. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco-free areas;
3. The residents of the Township shall be notified of this Resolution and the designation of the tobacco-free zones as stated herein;

RESOLVED this seventh day of May, 2018

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

