RESOLUTION R1-2005

ENDORSEMENT OF SMOKEFREEOHIO CAMPAIGN

Whereas, over seventy percent of those in the State of Ohio have decided not to use tobacco products, and

Whereas, there is clear documented evidence that the use of tobacco is harmful to the user's health and that the smoke from smoking tobacco has a detrimental health affect on those within the same environment, and

Whereas, secondhand smoke, which contains more than 4,000 chemicals and gases, more than 40 of which are known to cause cancer, is the most serious threat to public health among all environmental air pollutants, and

Whereas, 53,000 nonsmoking Americans die each year from secondhand smoke, and;

Whereas, thousands of Ohioans are involuntarily exposed to secondhand smoke in their workplaces and other public places, and;

Whereas, the local health districts in Ohio have the primary responsibility for the protection of the public health in their communities, and;

Whereas, the Constitution in the State of Ohio allows the introduction and adoption of a law by an initiative of its citizens, and;

Whereas, the goal of the SmokeFreeOhio Campaign is to present a proposal for a statewide 100% clean indoor air standard to the Ohio General Assembly in January 2006, and if necessary, collect enough signatures to place it on the general election ballot in November 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springdale Board of Health endorses the SmokeFreeOhio Campaign, and

Be it further resolved, that the Springdale Health District shall actively support this initiative in the community.

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Dyke H. Webster, President
Springdale Board of Health

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Cammie Mitrione, RS, Secretary
Springdale Board of Health