VILLAGE OF FONDA RESOLUTION #8-2009/2010 ESTABLISHING TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Resolution offered by Trustee Robert Galusha, second by Trustee Rosario T. Ault, Jr.:

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at village-owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment, that supports a no-tobacco standard through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on village-owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda believes parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes and chew products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the village's recreational facilities and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the village's recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Fonda.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Fonda, that the following tobacco-free policy is adopted.

SECTION 1: TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED IN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

No person shall use any form of tobacco at any village owned parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, or hiking and biking trails within the village limits.

This prohibition includes all village owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, spectator and concession areas, and restrooms. Any future owned village playgrounds and parks are covered by this policy as well.

SECTION 2: ENFORCEMENT

Appropriate signs shall be posted in the about specified areas.

The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.

Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance. Village officials, parents, and coaches are asked to help in enforcing the compliance to the policy.

SECTION 3: <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Adopted by the Village of Fonda on this 8th day of February 2010.

VOTE: R. Ault

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