

**CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL ANY PREEMPTION OF LOCAL SMOKE-FREE AIR AND OTHER TOBACCO-RELATED LAWS, AND RESTORE THE RIGHT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENACT AND ENFORCE SMOKE-FREE AIR AND OTHER TOBACCO-RELATED LAWS; AN PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS the National Cancer Institute determined in 1999 that secondhand smoke is responsible for the early deaths of 53,000 Americans annually; and

WHEREAS the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen; and

WHEREAS the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report, "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," concluded that there is 1) no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; 2) ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; 3) smoke-free workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace, and 4) evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smoke-free policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization determined that scientific evidence has firmly established that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke, a pollutant that causes serious illness in adults and children, and that there is indisputable evidence that implementing 100% smoke-free environments is the only effective way to protect the population from the harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS the people in local communities should have the right to protect themselves against the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS local governments have the right and responsibility to adopt laws that protect the health and safety of their citizens; and

WHEREAS preemptive state laws have a devastating effect on tobacco control efforts and on the public health of the states' residents and workers; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of states do not preempt local smoke-free air legislation; and

WHEREAS protecting people from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke is best accomplished by local communities working directly with the people most affected by smoke-free air laws; and

WHEREAS the State Legislature should not deprive local governments of the authority to protect people from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; and

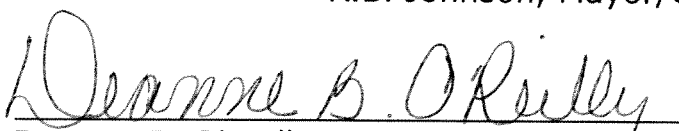
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, urges the Florida State Legislature to repeal any preemption of local smoke-free air and other tobacco-related laws, and restore the right of local governments to enact and enforce smoke-free air and other tobacco-related laws.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INDIAN ROCKS BEACH, FLORIDA, strongly encourages the Florida Legislature to adopt House Bill 143 and Senate Bill 746 as a first step in restoring local control over smoking and the use of tobacco products on municipal property and on public beaches within municipal boundaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2012, by the City Commission of the City of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida.



R.B. Johnson, Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST: 

Deanne B. O'Reilly, MMC, City Clerk

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