

**RESOLUTION #2014-123**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LACEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS**

**WHEREAS**, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer; and

**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 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report, "The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke," concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's report, "How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease," concluded that even occasional exposure to secondhand smoke is harmful and low levels of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke, and

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

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to children, elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics, and

**WHEREAS**, children exposed to secondhand smoke have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory infections, sudden infant death syndrome, developmental abnormalities, cancer; and other adverse health effects, and

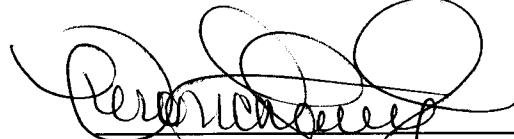
**WHEREAS**, discarded cigarette butts contain concentrated levels of carcinogens as well as nicotine which can be poisonous when infested by children

**WHEREAS**, making outdoor areas tobacco and smoke free keeps them beautiful and free of pollution, protects children and animals from ingesting toxic cigarette butts, prevents secondhand smoke exposure and maintains positive role-modeling for youth.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Lacey Township prohibits the use of tobacco products in its parks and recreation areas which will reduce the perception by young children that tobacco use is a common, acceptable, and desirable adult behavior. This resolution relates to the protection, order, conduct, safety health and well-being of our residents.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, VERONICA LAUREIGH, do hereby certify that I, the undersigned, am the Township Clerk of the Township of Lacey and am duly authorized to certify resolutions adopted by the Township Committee held at a regular meeting on the 8th day of May, 2014.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Veronica Laureigh', written over a horizontal line.

**VERONICA LAUREIGH**  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator