

RESOLUTION 12-08

Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive Smoke-free Workplace Law Covering All Restaurants and Bars

WHEREAS, according to the DHFS 2006 Burden of Tobacco report, smoking related diseases claim nearly 8000 lives per year in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, according to the DHFS 2006 Burden of Tobacco report, secondhand smoke in Wisconsin is annually estimated to cause approximately 61 cancer deaths, 770 deaths from ischemic heart disease, and 9 infant deaths from sudden infant death syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Surgeon General's report declared that secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes premature death and disease in nonsmoking adults; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that eliminating smoking in all indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, Washington D.C. and 22 other states, including Wisconsin's border states of Minnesota and Illinois, have enacted comprehensive smoke-free workplace laws that cover all restaurants and bars;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the enactment of a comprehensive smoke-free law that covers all restaurants and bars with an implementation date of Jan. 1, 2009.

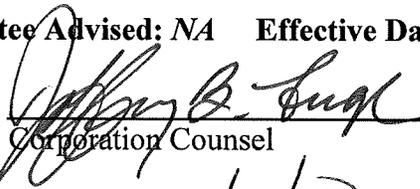
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors send this resolution to Governor Jim Doyle, State Senators Sheila Harsdorf and Robert Jauch, State Assembly Representatives Ann Hraychuck and Mary Hubler and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Funding Amount: NA

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Date Finance Committee Advised: NA **Effective Date:** Upon Passage

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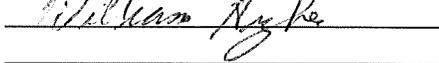


Corporation Counsel

Date Submitted to County Board 3/11/08

SUBMITTED BY: The Polk County Board of Health:







The above resolution was adopted on the 11th day of March 2008 by the County Board of Supervisors of Polk County.

Larry Jepsen
Larry Jepsen, Polk County Board Chairperson

Date: 3-14-08

Attest: Catherine Albrecht
Catherine Albrecht, Polk County Clerk

Date: 3/13/08