

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE SMOKING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS ON PUBLIC BEACHES, SUCH AS IS PROPOSED IN SENATE BILL 218 OF THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

The smoke from the burning of tobacco products and the smoke exhaled by the smoker, referred to as secondhand smoke, exposes nonsmokers to thousands of chemicals, hundreds of which are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer.

Approximately 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from health-related illnesses caused by exposure to secondhand smoke since 1964.

In 2017, 14 of every 100 U.S. adults aged 18 years or older (14.0%) currently smoked cigarettes; and

There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure; even brief exposure can be harmful to health; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the use of tobacco products that cause harmful smoke in public places would prevent potential exposure to toxic and cancerous chemicals; and

WHEREAS, Section 386.209, Florida Statutes (2018), provides, in part, "This part preempts regulation of smoking to the state and supersedes any municipal or county ordinance on the subject"; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, Senate Bill 218 would make it unlawful for any person to smoke tobacco on a public beach, the violation of which would be a civil infraction punishable by a maximum penalty not to exceed \$25 or ten hours of community service, and would provide for the issuance of a citation in such form as prescribed by a county or municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby urges the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit the smoking of tobacco products on public beaches, such as is proposed in Senate Bill 218 of the 2019 legislative session.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Legislative Delegation and to the City's state legislative lobbyists.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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City Clerk  
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI