

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 31, 2000 AS "CLEAN INDOOR AIR DAY"
IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 3, 2000

WHEREAS, tobacco-related disease is the number one cause of death in Michigan, killing more people than AIDS, alcohol abuse, car crashes, fire, illegal drugs, murder, and suicide...combined; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in Michigan, killing at least 1900 non-smokers every year; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A Carcinogen – a substance known to cause cancer in humans; and

WHEREAS, smoke from the burning end of a cigarette contains over 4,000 chemicals and 40 carcinogens including: formaldehyde, cyanide, arsenic, carbon monoxide, methane and benzene; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to secondhand smoke have an increased risk of developing serious lung problems including asthma, bronchitis and pneumonia; and

WHEREAS, exposure to secondhand smoke is an equal opportunity risk factor to all populations, regardless of race, color, creed, gender or age; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has recommended that employers minimize occupational exposure of workers to ETS by using all available preventative means; and

WHEREAS, the United States-Surgeon General has concluded that the simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within shared air space does not eliminate non-smokers' exposure to secondhand smoke

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 31, 2000 as "Clean Indoor Air Day" in Washtenaw County and encourages all who live and work in the area to participate in and enjoy the benefits of clean indoor air for one day