



North Shore Health Department Board of Health 2019 Resolution of Support

Title: Support for prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices in enclosed places where cigarette smoking is prohibited by Wisconsin State Law

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued a Public Health Advisory on January 4th, 2019, to inform the public about the alarming statistics on current e-cigarette use among youth in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Data from the Wisconsin Youth Tobacco Survey showed current e-cigarette use among Wisconsin high school students increased 154% between 2014 and 2018 from under 8% of high school students using in 2014 to 20% of high school students using in 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Surgeon General released an advisory on e-cigarette use among youth on December 18th, 2018 to stress the importance of protecting children from a lifetime of nicotine addiction and associated health risks; and

WHEREAS, The Surgeon General called on states and communities to take action to implement evidence-based population-level strategies to reduce e-cigarette use, such as including e-cigarettes in smoke-free indoor air policies; and

WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a report in January 2018 presenting 47 conclusions related to outcomes of e-cigarettes, including their key constituents and human health effects and concluded e-cigarette use increases airborne concentrations of particulate matter and nicotine in indoor environments compared with background levels.

WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine further concluded in their report that in addition to nicotine, most e-cigarette products contain and emit numerous potentially toxic substances.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the North Shore Health Department Board of Health urges that e-cigarettes be subjected to the same environmental regulations as tobacco cigarettes, including prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices in enclosed places where cigarette smoking is prohibited by Wisconsin State Law, § 101.123(2).

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