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**TOWNSHIP OF MOON
RESOLUTION NO. R- 28-2017**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AS TOBACCO-FREE ZONES.

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the U.S. Surgeon General has stated that there is no safe level of exposure, whether indoors or outdoors; and

WHEREAS, children's exposure to second-hand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness, and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fire, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers began smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and every day an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of those children will die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help promote model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; and to provide children, youth, and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment; the Township Board of Supervisors desires to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Moon hereby resolves as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

Section 1. All Moon Township owned parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playing fields, trails, parking lots, and other areas where children are present shall be designated tobacco-free including "vaping" and e-cigarettes.

Section 2. Appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free areas.

Section 3. The community will be informed of this resolution and the positive impacts it will have on the township.

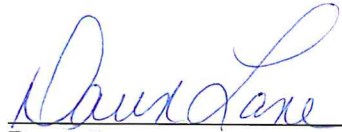
Section 4. All prior resolutions are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLVED and **ADOPTED** this 6th day of December, 2017, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Moon in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF MOON



Dawn Lane
Township Manager/Secretary

By: 

John Hertz
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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