

**February 11, 2010 Resolution of the
Vanderburgh County Board of Health
In support of 100% Smoke Free Workplaces & Public Places**

Whereas, The Surgeon General states: "The debate is over, the science is clear, secondhand smoke is a serious health hazard that causes premature death and diseases ..."

Whereas, secondhand smoke is a workplace hazard and no employee should have to choose between a job and their health in order to earn a living; and

Whereas, all credible economic studies show communities with comprehensive smokefree workplace laws have not seen a negative impact on the hospitality industry or any other sector; and

Whereas, smokefree policies decrease absenteeism among non-smoking employees, reduce housekeeping and maintenance costs, lower insurance rates and reduce smoking-related fires; and

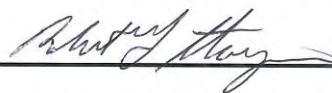
Whereas, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, the only way to effectively protect individuals from the hazards of secondhand smoke is to **completely** eliminate indoor smoking;

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Vanderburgh County Board of Health supports optimal protection of the public through an ordinance requiring 100% smoke free environments in all workplaces and public places.

Approved this 11th day of February 2010 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana and forwarded to the Vanderburgh County Commissioners, the Mayor of Evansville, and the members of the Evansville City Council.



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