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**RESOLUTION 2001- 04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BEHIND THE COUNTER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has enacted laws, codified in Chapter 569, Florida Statutes, that provide for increased regulation of the retail sale of tobacco products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has, in Chapter 569, provided for civil, administrative, and/or criminal penalties for the sale of tobacco products to an underage person and for the possession of such tobacco products by an underage person; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has entered into a settlement with the tobacco industry for billions of dollars to reimburse the state for some of the health care costs incurred by the state due to the prevalence of tobacco use; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement between the State of Florida and the tobacco industry provides for a Pilot Program which is aimed specifically at the reduction of the use of tobacco by underage persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the government and residents of Okeechobee County are also concerned about the use of tobacco products by underage persons; and

**WHEREAS**, a reduction in the availability, both visually and physically, of tobacco products to underage persons will likely lead to a reduction in tobacco product use by them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

**Section I**

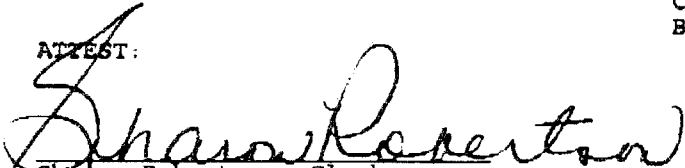
The Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County does support the placement of all tobacco products "behind the counter" in all retail establishments so as to limit underage accessibility to such products.

**Section II**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED** 8th day of March, 2001.

  
Clif Betts, Jr., Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:  
  
Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners

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