

RESOLUTION No. 2000 - 04

TOBACCO PRODUCTS PLACEMENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Florida Legislature has enacted laws, located 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 Santa Rosa 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.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

It supports the placement of ALL tobacco products "behind the counter" in ALL retail establishments so as to limit underage accessibility to such products.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays and 0 absent of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2000.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: William S. Linder
Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Leaden
Deputy Clerk