

R E S O L U T I O N

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Tobacco Free Campus (effective July 1, 2008)

WHEREAS, in October of 1987, in response to the passage of the *Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act*, the DuPage County Board adopted a resolution setting forth a smoking policy for County Facilities, referred to as the "Smoking Policy within DuPage County Facilities;" and

WHEREAS, since that time there has been new research as to the effects of secondhand smoke and tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not eliminate the exposure of non-smokers to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy non-smokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, smoke-filled workplaces and the use of tobacco products results in higher worker absenteeism due to respiratory disease, lower productivity, higher cleaning and maintenance costs, increased health insurance rates, and increased liability claims for diseases related to exposure to secondhand smoke and the use of tobacco; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has adopted the *Smoke Free Illinois Act* (410 ILCS 82/1 *et. seq.*) and the City of Wheaton has adopted the *Wheaton Smoke Free Air Ordinance* (Chapter 52-1, *et. seq.*), which collectively prohibit smoking in public places, places of employment, governmental vehicles and within 25 feet of any entrance to a public place or place of employment; and

WHEREAS, DuPage County Facilities are required to conform to the *Smoke Free Illinois Act*, the *Wheaton Smoke Free Air Ordinance*, and all applicable administrative rules and regulations, and subsequently revise its "Smoking Policy within DuPage County Facilities"; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Health Department adopted a *Tobacco-Free* Policy for its campus in the interest of maintaining a safe and healthy work environment; and

WHEREAS, DuPage County desires to be more stringent than the *Smoke Free Illinois Act* and the *Wheaton Smoke Free Air Ordinance*; and

WHEREAS, DuPage County concludes that a safe, professional and healthy work environment includes a ban on all tobacco products including but not limited to smokeless tobacco use while on the County's campus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DuPage County Board, effective July 1, 2008, implements the updated provisions contained in Section 6H of the DuPage County Personnel Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Enacted and approved this 11th day of March, 2008 at Wheaton, Illinois.

Robert J. Schillerstrom, Chairman
DuPage County Board

ATTEST: _____
Gary A King
County Clerk