

Young Lungs At Play 2012 Resolution

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 400,000 Americans EACH YEAR from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth of our town and to provide the youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year and the 2006 Surgeon General’s report states that evidence indicates there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers start before the age of 18 and the average age is 12 years

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 4,000 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one third will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses and

WHEREAS, smoking kills more Americans each year than alcohol, illegal drugs, AIDS, car accidents and murders and suicides COMBINED

WHEREAS, cigarette filter litter is not bio-degradable (plastic cellulose) and litter clean up costs taxpayer money, has environmental consequences and litter in a community decreases property values 7%

THEREFORE, FROM THIS DAY FORWARD THE PLAYGROUND AREAS LOCATED AT:

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Under the direction and oversight of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (town or municipality name)

Are duly designated as a **TOBACCO FREE ZONE**



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(town,village supervisor)