

**VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE
RESOLUTION Number 1 of 2009**

WHEREAS, the Village of Voorheesville Board of Trustees agrees with the Capital District Tobacco Free Coalition and its goals to create tobacco-free zones at local parks; and

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for premature deaths of over 440,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide suicide, accidents fires and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18 years, and the average of initiation is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 years try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth and to provide youth and families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Village of Voorheesville Board of Trustees resolves to hold as tobacco-free The Jim Nichols Park and Hotaling Park, and all other Village owned and maintained park land not otherwise specified. Appropriate signage, provided by the Capital District Tobacco Free Coalition will be posted designating tobacco-free zones. This resolution will become effective on April 1, 2009.

Date: February 24, 2009

Offered by Trustee Stevens, Seconded Trustee Cardona

Carried Unanimously

Linda Pasquali, Clerk Treasurer