

**VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT
Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Village of Altamont 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 the leading cause of preventable death, responsible for premature deaths of over 480,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 42,000 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, 90% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18 years, and the average of initiation is 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 2,500 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, 14.7 percent of high school boys and 8.8 percent of all high school students reported current use of smokeless tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, each year, nearly half a million (477,000) youth aged 12-17 use smokeless tobacco for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the aerosol emitted by Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) contains harmful byproducts and the use of ENDS by young people is increasing at an alarming rate with little known about the health consequences; and

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

THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Village of Altamont Board of Trustees resolves to hold as tobacco-free and ENDS-free Angel Park, Benjamin M. Crupe Bozenkill Park, Orsini Park, and Shilling 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 to communicate that the parks are tobacco-free and ENDS-free. This resolution will become effective on June 7, 2016.

Date: June 7, 2016

Offered by Trustee Whalen, Seconded Trustee Fahrenkopf

Carried Unanimously



Patty Blackwood, Village Clerk