## RESOLUTION NO. 22 FOR THE YEAR 2010

Members of Common Council April A. Kennedy, Alfred J. Turcotte, George E. Primeau, Sr., Dianne R. Nolin, Roger R. Ceccucci and Ralph V. Signoracci IV, ask for unanimous consent for the introduction and passage of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMOKE FREE ZONES IN PUBLIC PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

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 nonsmokers 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, and the average initiation age is 12 years old, and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby sets policy that the areas of parks where children are present, including sports areas and playgrounds, in the City of Cohoes be designated as tobacco-free zones, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free zones; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 25th day of May 2010.

Gregory J. Teresi

Corporation Counsel

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Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2010.

President

I hereby approve the foregoing Resolution of the Common Council.

Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York