**BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Resolution of the Borough of Bloomingdale urging the State of New Jersey to adequately fund its comprehensive tobacco control program in FY2014 and subsequent years.

**Resolution No. R2013-**

**WHEREAS,** Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer with the vast majority of cases caused by smoking, and smoking also causes cancer of the oropharynx, larynx, esophagus, pancreas, bladder and kidney, and;

**WHEREAS,** Tobacco use costs New Jersey residents an estimated $3.17 billion in health care costs, including $967 million in Medicaid expenditures by state and local governments,[[1]](#footnote-1) and;

**WHEREAS,** Nearly 9,700 New Jersey children will become regular daily smokers,[[2]](#footnote-2) and;

**WHEREAS,** It is estimated that in 2011, 4,492 New Jersey residents died from cancers that result from smoking, representing 27% of the total number of cancer deaths in New Jersey,[[3]](#footnote-3) and;

**WHEREAS,** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that New Jersey spend between $72.1 million and $154.3 million every year on its comprehensive tobacco control program, with a median recommendation of $119.8 million,[[4]](#footnote-4) and;

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey has raised over $5 billion in tobacco revenues over the past five years, yet state spending on Tobacco Control Programs has plummeted to ZERO allocated state dollars in FY2013, ranking the state 50th in the nation for funding its Tobacco Control Program,[[5]](#footnote-5) and;

**WHEREAS,** the primary purpose of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement was to provide states with funding to remedy the public health problems and increased health costs posed by tobacco use, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Bloomingdale , in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Bloomingdale urges the State of New Jersey to fund its comprehensive tobacco control program in FY2014 and subsequent years in the amount of $119.8 million as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.)

2. The Bloomingdale Borough Clerk is directed to forward copies of the resolution to the office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Legislators representing Bloomingdale, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health.

**Adopted:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs – 2007, October 2007, p. 89 (NJ). See: <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best_practices/pdfs/2007/bestpractices_complete.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Centers for Disease Control, *Sustaining State Programs for Tobacco Control, Data Highlights 2006.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. American Cancer Society, *Estimated Number of Cancer Cases and Deaths by State, 2011 Updated.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs – 2007,* Atlanta; US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health; October 2007, p.54. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, et al., *A Decade of Broken Promises: The 1998 State Tobacco Settlement Fourteen Years Later, 2012,* <http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/reports/settlements>. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)