



City of Powell, Ohio

RESOLUTION 2006-34

Adopted October 17, 2006

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PASSAGE OF ISSUE 5, SMOKEFREEOHIO, AND TO FORCEFULLY OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF ISSUE 4, SMOKE LESS OHIO ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the City of Powell adopted Ordinance 2004-49 making the City's workplaces and public places smoke-free on September 2, 2004, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to this ordinance, the 2006 US Surgeon General's Report, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, concludes that more than 50,000 non-smoking Americans die every year from exposure to secondhand smoke, and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke has been shown to substantially increase the risk of lung cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer, breast cancer, heart disease in adults and sudden infant death syndrome, asthma and airway disease in children, and

WHEREAS, everyone has the right to breathe clean indoor air in public places and workplaces, and no one should be required to risk disease and disability from secondhand smoke to earn a living, and

WHEREAS, no one should suffer the risk or discomfort of exposure to secondhand smoke while indoors engaging in business, dining or entertainment, and

WHEREAS, everyone, even those made vulnerable because they are young or old or ill should be able to enter a public building without fear of harm from secondhand smoke, and

WHEREAS, business owners will benefit from their ability to provide clean indoor air to their employees and customers on a level playing field, and

WHEREAS, Issue 5 – SmokeFreeOhio's proposed state law, sponsored by virtually every health organization in the state – protects all workers and customers from the health hazards of secondhand smoke by making all public places and workplaces smoke-free and creating a level playing field for all businesses, and

WHEREAS, Issue 4 – Smoke Less Ohio's proposed Constitutional amendment, sponsored primarily by RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company – fails to protect Ohio's workers and its most vulnerable elderly, children and ill from exposure to toxic secondhand smoke, and overturns Powell's Clean Indoor Air Ordinance 2004-49 and prevents further action by City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Therefore, be it resolved, that the Powell City Council strongly supports the passage of Issue 5, SmokeFreeOhio, and forcefully opposes the passage of Issue 4, Smoke Less Ohio which will appear on November 7, 2006 ballot.

