

**BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 239**

**Introduced by:** Health and Human Services and Education, Culture and Recreation Committees

**Seconded by:** Mr. Shafer

**RESOLUTION CREATING TOBACCO-FREE ZONES IN BROOME COUNTY PARKS**

WHEREAS, the Director of Health and the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation have requested that areas designated as play areas in Broome County Parks, where children may be present, be designated as tobacco-free zones, and

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases, and

WHEREAS, children exposed to secondhand smoke are more likely to have reduced lung function and symptoms of respiratory irritation, like coughing, excess phlegm and wheezing, and

WHEREAS, children with asthma who are exposed to secondhand smoke are especially at risk for having their condition worsened by secondhand smoke, 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 role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children youth and their families with a safe smoke-free environment, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Broome County of the State of New York designates play areas in Broome County Parks, where children may be present, be designated as tobacco-free zones, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate signs will be posted designating tobacco-free zones.

**Held over by Mr. Kuzel.**

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Mr. Materese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Herz to amend the resolution to add athletic areas and spectator areas in the first whereas and the first resolved paragraphs. **Amendment carried.** Ayes-18, Nays-1 (Mather). Mr. Kuzel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garnar to amend the resolution so all areas of County parks are smoke free with appropriate signs to designate smoking areas. **Amendment Failed.** Ayes-1 (Kuzel), Nays-18. **Resolution as amended carried.** Ayes-18, Nays-1 (Mather)

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