

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject:			
A Resolution Calling on the State Legislature to Pass 2019 AB 491 And 2019 SB 442 to Prohibit Vaping Wherever Smoking is Prohibited			
Original	Corrected	2nd Correction	Resubmitted
Date Submitted:		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted By: Supervisor Andy Berg and the Legislative Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached		Legal Note Attached	
Prepared By: Supervisor Andy Berg		Signature:	

WHEREAS, the inhaling of vapor (“vaping”) has been suggested as being a safer and more socially acceptable substitute to the practice of smoking, which requires the burning of a tobacco product; and

WHEREAS, recent occurrences, including over 2,000 cases of illness and 39 deaths as of November 2019 that have attributed to vaping have caused many to seriously doubt that suggestion; and

WHEREAS, there has been insufficient study to determine the potential harmful effects of secondhand vaping; and

WHEREAS, there is an obligation and duty on governments to protect the health and wellbeing of the population; and

WHEREAS, the longstanding understanding of the harmful effects of secondhand smoke led to the Wisconsin State Legislature enacting a general prohibition against smoking in indoor locations, contained in Section 101.123 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, 2019 Assembly Bill (AB) 491 and 2019 Senate Bill (SB) 442 are currently pending in the Wisconsin State Legislature which would add vaping to that general prohibition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Wisconsin State Legislature to pass 2019 AB 491 and 2019 SB 442 or legislation that is substantially similar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors further calls upon Governor Tony Evers to sign that legislation when it is presented to him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Kenosha delegation to the State Legislature, to the office of Governor Evers, and to the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this ___ day of _____, 2020

Andy Berg

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Aye Nay Abstain Excused

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