

**RESOLUTION NO. 195  
FOR REPEAL OF PREEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, cigarette smoking kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, murder, car accidents and AIDS combined; and

**WHEREAS**, 31,204 people from Florida die of tobacco caused diseases each year; and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke inhaled by nonsmokers can cause serious health problems, especially among children; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates of smoking among children in Florida are increasing, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, every 30 seconds a child in Florida smokes for the first time and one-third of these new smokers will eventually die of tobacco-related disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the tobacco industry has its chief legislative strategy the removal of local authority to regulate tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens in local communities believe they should have the power to protect themselves from secondhand smoke and protect children from tobacco; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parker City Council is seriously concerned about the health hazards of smoking and the use of tobacco by children; and


**WHEREAS**, the current laws of the State of Florida, including Florida Clean Indoor Air Act preempt local regulations of tobacco use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parker City Council believes that rights should be vested in local communities to enact and enforce stronger tobacco-related ordinances if they choose to do so.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Parker City Council exhort the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to repeal the preemption language in the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act. The Legislation we support would allow the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act to serve as the minimum standard and return rights to local communities to further enact and enforce stronger tobacco related ordinances, if they choose to do so.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parker City Council encourage other counties, cities and towns in Florida to adopt similar resolutions.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1999 at Parker, Bay County, Florida and signed by the following:

  
**Brenda G. Hendricks, Mayor**

ATTEST

  
**David W. Linger, City Clerk**