

**Authorizing Ulster County Departments To Sign A Policy To Decline Acceptance Of Tobacco Industry Funding Or Donations**

The Health Services Committee (Chairman R.S. Parete and Legislators Briggs, Stoeckeler, Terpening, Petit, Roberti and Ronk) offers the following:

WHEREAS, tobacco use kills over 25,000 New Yorkers every year, yet is the leading preventable cause of death in our communities, and

WHEREAS, in New York State alone, the tobacco industry spends \$800 million annually to advertise and promote their deadly products, and

WHEREAS, every day, another 4,000 American children start to smoke, and another 2,000 become regular, daily smokers, and

WHEREAS, in New York State the average age at which smokers try their first cigarette is 14 ½, and

WHEREAS, research shows that kids are more than twice as likely as adults to recall tobacco advertising after two weeks than adults, and

WHEREAS, tobacco companies use sponsorship to promote and heighten the visibility of their products and enhance their corporate image, and

WHEREAS, the Health Services Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that Ulster County Departments have the authority to sign a policy to decline acceptance of any charitable funding, donations, cash or in-kind from the tobacco industry for their department, except revenues current and future which resulted from the Master Settlement Agreement which reimbursed Ulster County for the associated health care costs of tobacco related illnesses,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley)

Resolution No. 191 June 11, 2008

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Legislator Dart motioned, seconded by Legislator Provenzano to amend the resolution as follows: adding “**shall**” before decline in the second line of the “RESOLVED”.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14                      NOES: 16  
(AYES: Legislators Cahill, Dart, Decker, Donaldson, Felicello, Hansut, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Shapiro and Terpening)  
(Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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