

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 038

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF STUDENTS WORKING AGAINST TOBACCO (SWAT), THE TOBACCO-FREE PARTNERSHIP OF BROWARD COUNTY, AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), a statewide youth organization, and the Tobacco-Free Partnership of Broward County, a community coalition committed to making Broward County a safer, healthier place to live, work and play, and the American Cancer Society support the passage of legislation restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, The Harvard School of Public Health has found that tobacco companies specifically target youth with candy and alcohol flavored products to mask the harsh and toxic properties found in tobacco; and

WHEREAS, in September 2009, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was given the authority to regulate tobacco products and banned the distribution and sale of flavored cigarettes, which ban did not extend to other flavored tobacco products, such as cigars, cigarillos, and smokeless tobacco; and

WHEREAS, despite age restriction on the sale of tobacco products, there has been a 25 percent increase in cigar use among Broward County high school students since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council supports the restriction of the distribution and sale of all flavored tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. Recitals. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

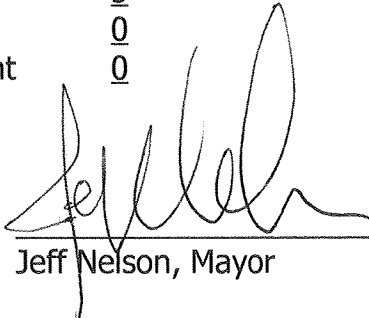
Section 2. Support. That the Town Council hereby supports the efforts of Students Working Against Tobacco, the Tobacco-free Partnership of Broward County, and the American Cancer Society to restrict the distribution and sale of flavored tobacco products.

Section 3. Transmittal of Resolution. That the Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide copies of this Resolution to the Broward League of Cities, the Board of Broward County Commissioners, the media, and any other interested parties.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2013 on a motion made by Vice Mayor Breitkreuz and seconded by Council Member McKay.

Nelson	<u>YES</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
McKay	<u>YES</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>YES</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Fisikelli	<u>YES</u>		
Jablonski	<u>YES</u>		



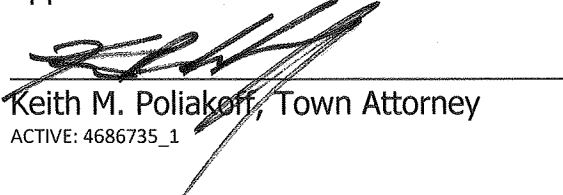
Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Keith M. Poliakoff, Town Attorney

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