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BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
RESOLUTION

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 Date: October 7, 2009
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 Department/Division: Board of Chosen Freeholders
 Purpose: Resolution Recognizing the Potential Dangers of Electronic Cigarettes and to Discourage their use in Public Places
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Valerie Coniglio

Valerie Coniglio, Clerk, Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County, New Jersey

Resolution Recognizing the Potential Dangers of Electronic Cigarettes

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes, also known as "e-cigarettes", are battery operated devices designed to look like and to be used in the same manner as conventional cigarettes. Instead of tobacco, the electronic cigarette cartridges are filled with liquid nicotine, flavor and other chemicals; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes are sold without any legal age restrictions and they are marketed as a "healthier alternative" to cigarette smoking and may appeal to young people; and

WHEREAS, these electronic cigarettes carry potential health risks, as new information from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) suggests that e-cigarettes have cancer-causing substances in their cartridges; and

WHEREAS, public health experts worry that e-cigarettes could increase nicotine addiction among youth and may lead children to try other tobacco products that can cause disease and lead to premature death; and

WHEREAS, at this time, e-cigarettes do not contain any health warnings, such as those on FDA-approved nicotine replacement products or conventional cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, since clinical studies about the safety of e-cigarette products have not been submitted to the FDA, consumers have no way of knowing whether e-cigarettes are safe for their intended use; and

WHEREAS, in response to the fact that consumers lack information on the dangers associated with e-cigarettes products, the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders would like to make the Residents of Bergen County aware of the possible harmful effects of e-cigarettes and publicly discourages the use of e-cigarettes; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, does hereby alert its constituents that there is a concern about potential hazards associated with e-cigarettes and that to minimize these risks, that the use of e-cigarettes be prohibited from all Bergen County parks where children are present, and to further prohibit their use inside county buildings and vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Department of Health Services and to the New Jersey State Senate and the New Jersey State Assembly.