

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**

INITIATED: Village Manager **DATE:** May 21, 2002
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: _____ **FILE REF:** _____
(Board or Department)

NATURE OF ACTION:

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:

Motion to Adopt "A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1097 ESTABLISHING FDA AUTHORITY OVER TOBACCO PRODUCTS", as presented.



SUMMARY OF ITEM:

Adoption of the attached resolution will offer support from the Village of Downers Grove for the passage of H.R. 1097 which would establish FDA authority over tobacco products.

RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1097 ESTABLISHING
FDA AUTHORITY OVER TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

WHEREAS, each day, more than 5,000 kids try their first cigarette and each day more than 2,000 become regular daily smokers, and that means that more than 750,000 kids become new regular daily smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, roughly one-third of these regular smokers will eventually die from a tobacco-related disease; and

WHEREAS, almost 90 percent of adult smokers began at or before age 18; and

WHEREAS, the cigarette companies spent over \$8.2 billion in 1999 on advertising and promotion campaigns - more than \$22.5 million every day and 86 percent of youth (12-17) who smoke prefer Marlboro, Camel and Newport - the three most heavily advertised brands; and

WHEREAS, a study published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* found that teens are more likely to be influenced to smoke by cigarette advertising than they are by peer pressure; and

WHEREAS, smoking rates for students in grades 9-12 increased from 27.5 percent in 1991 to 34.8 percent in 1999; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes kill more than 400,000 Americans every year, more deaths than from AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires; and

WHEREAS, according to Center for Disease Control statistics, the addiction rate for smoking is higher than the addiction rates for marijuana, alcohol or cocaine; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in a 2000 ruling, said that "tobacco use, particularly among children and adolescents, poses perhaps the single most significant threat to public health in the United States" while invalidating FDA rules governing tobacco products due to Congressional inaction; and

WHEREAS, FDA control over tobacco products would ensure that the same scrutiny is given to cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco as to other products like macaroni and cheese; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1097, introduced by Representatives Ganske, Dingell and Waxman, would give

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction over the labeling, sale and marketing of tobacco products; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Village of Downers Grove urge the United States Congress to immediately pass H.R. 1097 establishing FDA authority over tobacco products; and further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk