

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village**  
**6/12/2018**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
A Resolution in Support of Tobacco 21 Initiative	Enza Petrarca Village Attorney

**SYNOPSIS**

Adoption of this resolution shall support Senate Bill 2332 and encourage the Governor to sign legislation into law raising the legal age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 years of age.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2017-2019 include *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the June 12, 2018 Consent Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Illinois House and Senate passed SB 2332, which would raise the legal age to buy tobacco in the State of Illinois from 18 to 21 years of age. In support of this movement, the Village, by way of this resolution, supports SB 2332 and encourages Governor Rauner to sign SB 2332 into law.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2332 AND ENCOURAGING  
THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THE BILL INTO LAW**

WHEREAS, tobacco use is a contributing factor in the leading causes of death in DuPage County, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory disease; and

WHEREAS, tobacco usage is a significant public health concern and reducing that usage to improve public health is a goal of municipal leaders throughout DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that 95 percent of adult smokers begin smoking before they turn 21, and that the ages of 18 to 21 are a critical period when many smokers move from experimental smoking to regular, daily use; and

WHEREAS, a 2015 Institute of Medicine report concludes that raising the minimum legal sale age (MLSA) for tobacco products nationwide will reduce tobacco initiation, particularly among adolescents aged 15 to 17, and that it will improve health across the lifespan and save lives; and that raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco products to 21 nationwide would, over time, lead to a 12 percent decrease in smoking prevalence; and

WHEREAS, the legal age to buy tobacco products in Illinois is currently eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, the deleterious impacts of cigarettes and other tobacco products on health are well known and irrefutable; and

WHEREAS, increasing the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco products from eighteen to twenty-one will positively impact public health; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove that the Village supports the efforts of the Tobacco 21 Initiative and supports laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to individuals under 21 years of age.

1. That the Village encourages Governor Rauner to sign Senate Bill 2332 which will raise the legal age to smoke from 18 to 21 years of age.
2. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in support of Senate Bill 2332.
3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Village Clerk