

**City of Roswell
Resolution No. 05-02**

**Resolution in Support of Statewide Legislation
Protecting the Public, including Children, Workers and People with Breathing
Problems by Eliminating Smoking In Workplaces and Indoor Public Places**

WHEREAS: Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States and causes an estimated 53,000 premature deaths annually in nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS: Children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from serious and costly illnesses including pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and middle-ear infections; and

WHEREAS: Secondhand smoke can trigger serious adult breathing problems including asthma and allergies and make it dangerous for persons with breathing problems to access indoor places where smoking is permitted; and

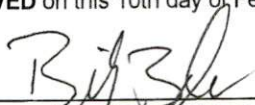
WHEREAS: Employees such as waiters, waitresses, and others who have exposure to secondhand smoke on a daily basis are twice as likely to fall victim to a heart attack and are nearly twice as likely to develop lung cancer due to involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS: The City of Roswell has recognized the severe problem that secondhand smoke presents to it's citizens and has passed a Clean-Air Ordinance which prevents smoking in public places;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Roswell joins the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco and other municipalities across New Mexico who have already passed clean air ordinances, in conjunction with thousands of New Mexico citizens, in support of a strong statewide law that protects children, workers and people with breathing problems from secondhand smoke in public places and workplaces, including restaurants, and does not preempt municipalities from adopting local policies expanding statewide secondhand smoke protections.


ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED on this 10th day of February 2005.

CITY SEAL



Bill B. Owen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Timothy D. Stoessel, City Clerk