

**RESOLUTION NO. .**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 56, THE CIGARETTE TAX TO FUND HEALTHCARE, TOBACCO USE PREVENTION, RESEARCH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE, THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX BY \$2.00 PER PACK, WITH AN EQUIVALENT INCREASE ON OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES CONTAINING NICOTINE.**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo has long supported efforts to increase taxes on tobacco products as a way to discourage their use;

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 the County of San Mateo instituted ordinances prohibiting the smoking of either tobacco or electronic cigarettes inside apartments, condominiums and townhomes in the unincorporated areas of the County;

**WHEREAS**, despite a decrease in the number of smokers in our community, the popularity of e-cigarettes among young people is a growing concern;

**WHEREAS**, over the past few years statewide efforts to raise the tobacco tax have failed, and thus California has one of the lowest tobacco excise taxes in the nation;

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 56, on the November 8, 2016 ballot, would raise the

state excise taxes on cigarettes by \$2.00 per pack from 87 cents per pack, and extend the tax to electronic cigarettes for the first time;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of revenues from the initiative would be allocated to increased funding for existing state health care programs and services, like Medical, that serve those in greatest need, as well as for tobacco-related prevention and cessation programs and medical research on tobacco-related diseases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors by the adoption of this Resolution hereby supports Proposition 56, the Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute

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