

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 17, 2009	[]	Consent	[X]	Regular
	[]	Ordinance	[]	Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: County Administration/Legislative Affairs

Submitted For: County Commission

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, to reduce youth smoking and improve the health of Florida citizens.

Summary: At the February 24, 2009 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Commissioner Jeff Koons requested this Resolution be considered by the Board at their next meeting. This Resolution also supports increasing the Cigarette Excise Tax in Florida by \$1 per pack, which will reduce smoking, especially among children and fund critical healthcare priorities such as Medically Needy health insurance, emergency room care, disease prevention, and medical research. Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution

RECOMMENDED BY:	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>2/27/09</u>
	DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	DATE

APPROVED BY:	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u>3/10/09</u>
	ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	DATE

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	0				
Operating Costs	0				
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)	0				
Net Fiscal Impact	0				
# Additional FTE Positions (Cumulative)	0				

Is Item Included in Current Budget: YES _____ NO X

Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Agency _____ Org _____ Object _____

Reporting Category _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact:
No fiscal impact.

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

[Signature] 3-6-09
 283/5/09 OFMB *at 3/5/09* *CN 3/2/09*

[Signature] 3/9/09
 Contract Administration

This item complies with current County policies.

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 3/10/09
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2009- _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO REDUCE YOUTH SMOKING AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF FLORIDA CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, every year 22,500 new Florida children become addicted to tobacco and more than one-third of them will die prematurely because of this addiction; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of all adult smokers surveyed admitted they started smoking during their teenage years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida spends \$1.2 Billion a year in Medicaid dollars on smoking related illnesses, while receiving approximately \$400 Million in cigarette tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the annual overall cost of health care for smokers in Florida, including private insurance costs, is estimated at over \$6.3 Billion a year; and

WHEREAS, Florida's 34-cent Cigarette Excise Tax is one of the lowest in the United States and has not been raised in nearly two decades; and

WHEREAS, increasing Florida's Cigarette Excise Tax by \$1.00 would reduce the number of youth that smoke by 16.3 percent and significantly reduce the amount of adults who smoke, save \$3.8 Billion in long-term health care costs, and provide nearly \$631 Million in additional state revenues annually to cover rising health care costs; and

WHEREAS, reduced State budget revenues threaten established programs to provide health insurance and health care services for the most vulnerable Floridians and provide no opportunity for expansion of programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA does hereby support increasing the Cigarette Excise Tax in Florida by \$1.00 per pack, which will reduce smoking, especially among children and fund critical health care priorities such as medically needy insurance, emergency room care, disease prevention, and medical research.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation Chair in Tallahassee, and to the Speaker of the Florida House, Senate President, and to the Governor.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to vote, the motion passed as follows:

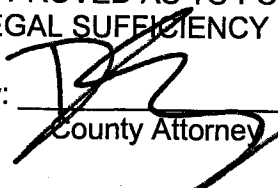
- Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman -
- Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman -
- Commissioner Karen T. Marcus -
- Commissioner Shelley Vana -
- Vacant -
- Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria -
- Commissioner Addie L. Greene -

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this day of _____, 2009.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  _____
County Attorney