

RESOLUTION NO. 2140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
IN SUPPORT OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY REDUCE ACCESS
TO TOBACCO PROJECT

WHEREAS, tobacco is the cause of approximately 434,000 premature deaths annually, and the United States Congressional Office of Technology Assessment estimates that tobacco related diseases cost the nation \$65 billion annually in medical costs, including productivity loss; and,

WHEREAS, the 1988 Report of the Surgeon General had declared that tobacco is an addictive drug and that its early use by a young person will likely lead to an addiction to tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, every year, nearly two million American children begin cigarette smoking or using smokeless tobacco, and that at least 60 percent of these children are under the age of 14 years; and,

WHEREAS, California Penal Code Section 308 prohibits the sale of tobacco products to any person under 18 years of age, and requires all merchants selling tobacco to post a warning sign reflecting this law; and,

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Reduce Access to Tobacco Project completed a study in August 1991, with the assistance of minors aged 13 - 17 years, and recorded the purchase of tobacco in 66% of 15 local businesses in Soledad.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad, Monterey County, State of California, hereby expresses its enthusiastic support of the Monterey County Reduce Access to Tobacco Project's efforts to reduce the use of tobacco by children, and urges all retail merchants to comply with the law by not selling tobacco products to minors, to inform sales staff about Penal Code Section 308, to request identification from young people, and to post notice of the state law in their businesses, warning minor against attempting to purchase tobacco products,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Soledad hereby encourages law enforcement agencies to take appropriate steps to ensure that the state law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors is observed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 24th day of February, 1992, by the following vote.

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Fabian Barrera, Ben Jimenez, Jr., Fred Ledesma, Mayor Pro Tem John Holguin, Mayor Joe Ledesma

NOES, Councilmembers None
ABSENT, Councilmembers None


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD