

**RESOLUTION No. 19-315**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD RAISE THE LEGAL AGE TO 21 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VAPING PRODUCTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of September 6, 2019, show over 450 possible cases of lung illness associated with the use of e-cigarette products have been reported to CDC from 33 states in U.S. territory: five (5) deaths have been confirmed in California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has become aware that some people who use e-cigarettes have experienced seizures, with most reports involving youth or young adult users. Seizures or convulsions are known potential side effects of nicotine toxicity and have been reported in the scientific literature in relation to intentional or accidental swallowing of e-liquid; and

**WHEREAS**, FDA Statistics about E-cigarette use among U.S. youth shows among middle and high school students, 3.62 million were current users of e-cigarettes in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, E-cigarette use, increased 78 percent among high school students (11.7% to 20.8%) and 48 percent among middle school students (3.3% to 4.9%) from 2017 to 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, some school districts in the US have enacted policies to restrict or prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems (“ENDS”) on school grounds and some municipalities have enacted policies to restrict or prohibit the use of e-cigarettes and other ENDS in public places; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Approval.** The Mayor and City Council hereby approve to urge and support state legislation to raise legal age to 21 to purchase vaping products.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Mariaca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cabrera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of December, 2019.

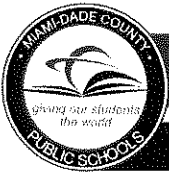
  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

  
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LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY



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December 11, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a member of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, FL the health and safety of our students is one of our top priorities. With the FDA reporting that more than 2 million middle and high school students used e-cigarettes in 2019 and nearly 10.7 million teens are at risk for e-cigarette use and potential addiction, the vaping epidemic is one that is at the forefront of many discussions amongst my colleagues and myself.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has prioritized raising awareness amongst students, parents and the community, of the dangers associated with the use of e-cigarettes. Our efforts have included working with the Florida Department of Health to launch the district-wide E(liminate)-Cigs Anti-Vaping Campaign and the establishment of Student Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) clubs in our schools. However, as a nation we continue to see the increasing detrimental effects of e-cigarettes who have proven to be just as or more dangerous and addicting than tobacco products in the past. Just this year, five deaths confirmed to be associated with the use of e-cigarette products, have been reported.

To this date, nineteen states have raised the legal tobacco age to 21. As an advocate of youth and the future of our community, I commend and support the City of Doral for their proposal of Resolution 19-3549 of the City of Doral, urging State Legislation to raise the legal age to 21 for purchase of vaping products.

I would like to thank Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca for addressing this issue.

Regards,

Susie V. Castillo  
School Board Member, District 5