

26-R-04

A RESOLUTION

**Supporting a Statewide
Ban on Smoking in Indoor Public
Places in the State of Illinois**

WHEREAS, tobacco is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States and contains 4,000 chemicals, 63 of which cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute determined in the year 2000 that secondhand smoke is responsible for the early deaths of 65,000 Americans annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York and the States of California, Maine, Connecticut, Delaware, and California have banned indoor smoking in public places; and

WHEREAS, different indoor clean air laws in different municipalities in Illinois create an uneven attempt to address the problem; and

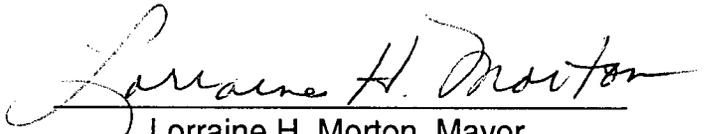
WHEREAS, the City of Evanston endorses stronger clear air laws but does not wish to put local businesses at a disadvantage,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF
EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: That the Evanston City Council calls upon the Illinois General Assembly to enact a statewide ban on smoking in all indoor public places and workplaces in Illinois, including bars and restaurants. Such a ban should be enacted as soon as possible to address the disparities which currently exist.

SECTION 2: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage in the manner provided by law.

Adopted: April 26, 2004



Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk