

**A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND  
SAFETY OF HARRISON RESIDENTS BY ESTABLISHING  
HARRISON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS  
TOBACCO-FREE ZONES**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Harrison, Maine cares deeply about promoting the good health and quality of life for its citizens and visitors; and

**WHEREAS** tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, as well as in Harrison, Maine, leading to more deaths than most other leading causes combined (including AIDS, alcohol, illegal drugs, motor vehicle accidents, firearms, murders, suicides, and fires); and

**WHEREAS** secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents and is a serious health risk to human beings especially to infants, children, and pregnant women; and

**WHEREAS** the use of spit tobacco is associated with saliva, or spit, being cast upon the ground, seating areas, and other surfaces in recreational areas, resulting in increased risk of nonusers being exposed to bacteria and viruses of a variety of respiratory illnesses, including tuberculosis; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Harrison runs many recreational programs on fields owned by the Town of Harrison; and

**WHEREAS** tobacco use in and around these recreational facilities creates the peculiar circumstances of young people being encouraged and coached by adults to do things beneficial to their health, while at the same time they observe adults and older youth using tobacco products and/or are adversely affected as the result of exposure to second hand smoke and spit saliva;

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Harrison Recreation department is to provide recreational and leisure opportunities that enhance the quality of life for its citizens and provide safe environments, the Recreation department has an obligation to prohibit those activities which it deems contrary to this mission; and

**WHEREAS** tobacco use, exposure to secondhand smoke, and exposure to tobacco saliva are clearly contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN** of the Town of Harrison, that the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, snuff, dip, and chewing tobacco, on, in, or at Crystal Lake Park and RADR Sport Complex is prohibited.

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