

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 15236**

**TO URGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT
AND SIGN LEGISLATION THAT RAISES THE MINIMUM AGE FOR
PURCHASING TOBACCO PRODUCTS FROM 19 YEARS TO 21 YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough recognize that there are significant health benefits to be gained from restricting the sale of tobacco and other tobacco related products in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale considered and subsequently rejected adopting an ordinance that makes it unlawful to sell cigarettes and other tobacco related products to any person under the age of 21 in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council understood that the effectiveness of such ordinance would have been diminished by the ability of individuals age 19 and 20 to purchase such tobacco products in many surrounding towns that have not enacted such legislation: and

WHEREAS, such ordinance would have placed local Hillsdale merchants at a comparative disadvantage in being able to attract 19 and 20 year old customers who may wish to buy non-tobacco related products; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the health benefits intended to be achieved by adopting such ordinance are better achieved if the State of New Jersey itself enacts similar legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale urge the New Jersey State Legislature and the Governor to enact and sign legislation that raises the legal sale age for tobacco and tobacco-related products from 19 years to 21 years.

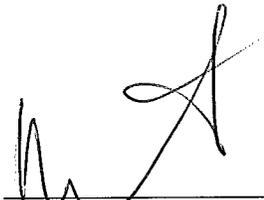
Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeGise, Jason					x		
DeRosa, Anthony			x				
Looes, Chrisoula	x		x				
Meyerson, Lawrence		x	x				
Pizzella, Frank			x				
Ruocco, John			x				
Arnowitz, Max							

Adopted: December 8, 2015

Attest:



Susan Witkowski
Municipal Clerk



Max Arnowitz
Mayor