

A resolution to promote the health and well being of athletes and their families by establishing Shaw Field and Assembly Areas as Tobacco-Free Zones

WHEREAS the Sanford Soccer Association has set as a goal that Shaw Field be a safe and healthy place to live and work; and

WHEREAS tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States as well as in Sanford, Maine; and

WHEREAS secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children and pregnant women; and increase a non-smokers risk fro asthma, heart disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS chewing tobacco contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and their use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue and throat; and

WHEREAS the use of chewing tobacco is associated with saliva, or spit, being cast upon the ground, seating areas and other surfaces in recreational settings; and

WHEREAS tobacco use in and around Shaw Field sends contradictory messages to young people in being encouraged to participate in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time being exposed to the use of tobacco products and second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Sanford Soccer Association is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for the Town of Sanford, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

WHEREAS tobacco-use and exposure to secondhand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sanford Soccer Association does hereby declare that Shaw Field is a tobacco-free zone and specifically restricts the use of any tobacco product, including, but not limited to cigarette, cigars, and chewing tobacco, on in or at Shaw Field.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sanford Soccer Association is authorized to take reasonable steps such as signage and other communication tools to achieve voluntary compliance with the tobacco-free zone established hereunder.