RECOGNITION OF LOCAL TOBACCO FREE PARKS AND RECREATION



MIAMI, FLA. – Tobacco Free Florida in Miami-Dade County congratulates the City of Doral on the successful implementation of a tobacco free parks and recreation ordinance. This new ordinance will protect our children's health, support tobacco users who want to quit, and keep our community clean. The passage of a zoning ordinance that prohibits Mobile Tobacco Retailers from parking in or around any parks within the city further reinforces Doral's commitment to maintaining clean and safe public spaces. These initiatives enhance the community's wellbeing. The City of Doral is prioritizing public health and taking decisive action to keep our community smokefree and clean.

Tobacco free spaces support our community in many ways. These spaces improve health by providing <u>fewer opportunities for youth to start smoking</u> and <u>reducing secondhand smoke</u> <u>exposure</u>. Across the nation, cigarettes are by far <u>the most littered item in the country</u>. These ordinances help <u>lower cigarette litter</u>, encourage people <u>to make healthy choices</u>, and <u>increase guit attempts</u>.

If you're interested in these benefits for your municipality, Tobacco Free Florida can help. Contact the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County to learn more, at 305-278-0442.

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About Tobacco Free Florida

The Florida Department of Health's Tobacco Free Florida campaign is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. Since the program began in 2007, more than 295,000 Floridians have successfully quit using one of Tobacco Free Florida's free tools and services. There are now approximately 451,000 fewer adult smokers in Florida than there were 10 years ago, and the state has saved \$17.7 billion in health care costs. To learn more about Tobacco Free Florida's Quit Your Way services, visit TobaccoFreeFlorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at Facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or on X at x.com/tobaccofreefla.