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TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Androscoggin Land Trust (ALT)

In order to promote the health and safety of everyone using Land Trust Properties by establishing all ALT properties, as a Tobacco-Free Zone.

Whereas the Androscoggin Land Trust has set this goal that ALT owned fee lands be safe and healthy places to visit and recreate; and

Whereas the use of tobacco is the most preventable cause of death in the United States and is the most preventable cause of death in Maine; and

Whereas secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancerous agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women; and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer; and

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

Whereas tobacco use in and around the Androscoggin Land Trust Properties sends contradictory messages to all who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time being exposed to the use of tobacco products; and

Whereas the purpose of the tobacco-free policy is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for ALT visitors, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

Whereas tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke does not enhance the quality of life or enhance the quality of an environment, and

Whereas the use of Tobacco products which require a flame constitutes a fire hazard

Now therefore be it *resolved*, that Androscoggin Land Trust does hereby declare that all property belonging to ALT is tobacco-free and specifically prohibits visitors from using tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco.