

RESOLUTION NO.: 2013-11
SUBJECT: Support for Great American Smokeout
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 2013

**RESOLUTION OF THE
EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

IN SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
"GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT"

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 21, 2013, the American Cancer Society marks the annual "**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT**" to encourage smokers to use this date to make a plan to quit smoking, or plan in advance to quit smoking that day; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso County Public Health is partnering with the American Cancer Society, the Colorado Springs Fire Department, Pikes Peak Community College, Penrose – St. Francis Health Services, Peak Vista Community Health Centers, Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, KILO (94.3 FM), Cumulus Media, Clear Channel Communications, UCCS Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Tobacco Education Coalition to encourage everyone to ask their families and friends to be good role models, especially for children, by being tobacco free as a part of the "**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT**", even if just for one day; and,

WHEREAS, by quitting smoking for even just one day, and ideally longer, smokers are taking an important step toward healthier lives for themselves and others; and,

WHEREAS, 9 out of 10 adult smokers began smoking before the age of 18, and now risk being addicted to smoking for life; and,

WHEREAS, parents and other adults can be positive role models for children by quitting smoking, even for one day, and by encouraging children not to smoke or use other tobacco products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

That the El Paso County Board of Health encourages El Paso County Public Health employees, and everyone in our community, to:

1. Participate in appropriate "**GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT**" activities.
2. Become positive role models by quitting smoking, even if just for one day and ideally longer.
3. Talk with children about the hazards of smoking and other tobacco products.

MOVED, SECONDED AND ADOPTED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AT ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2013.

EL PASO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

BY: _____

CJ Moore, President

ATTEST: _____

Jill Law, Secretary