

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 83

Approved February 27, 2014

WHEREAS, CVS Caremark this month announced that it will stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products at its 7,600 CVS/pharmacy locations nationwide as of October 2014; and

WHEREAS, CVS said that the reason for its decision was that the sale of tobacco products is inconsistent with CVS' purpose of helping people achieve better health; and

WHEREAS, CVS, which has its headquarters in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, will be the first national retail pharmacy chain to halt the sale of cigarettes and tobacco-related products; and

WHEREAS, CVS cited the numerous health impacts associated with smoking cigarettes, including the more than 480,000 deaths annually caused by smoking; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has taken a strong stand against the sale of tobacco products, including passing laws that prevent the sale of fruit- and candy-flavored tobacco products, and that ban tobacco pricing and promotional strategies; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is committed to decreasing the smoking rate among children and adults in Rhode Island, with the goal of reducing diseases and fatalities caused by cigarette smoking and tobacco use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby commend CVS Caremark for its decision to halt the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products at its stores nationwide.


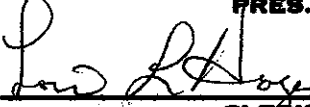
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges other national pharmacy chains, and any retail establishments that sell health-related products, to follow suit, and commit to ending the sale of these products in their stores.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to Larry J. Merlo, President and CEO of CVS Caremark, and to Helena B. Foulkes, President of CVS/pharmacy.

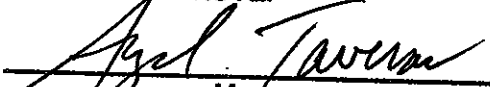
IN CITY COUNCIL

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PRES.  
  
ACTING CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor  
Date: 2/27/14