



**CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AMERICANS FOR NONSMOKERS' RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Secondhand tobacco smoke kills about 50,000 nonsmokers and impairs the health of tens of thousands more each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, the City of Berkeley was one of the first U.S. cities in the country to limit smoking in most public places, and now has some of nation's strongest laws protecting the right of nonsmokers to breathe clean air; and

WHEREAS, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights was born in Berkeley on March 1, 1976 under the name of East Bay Group Against Smoking Pollution (GASP) to provide lobbying and educational support for nonsmokers and was instrumental in getting the 1977 Berkeley law enacted; and

WHEREAS, East Bay GASP joined with other GASP groups in California to form a statewide GASP that eventually became the national Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, which was instrumental in helping to enact the federal law eliminating smoking on airplanes; and

WHEREAS, In the subsequent years Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights has helped enact 100% smoke-free laws for workplaces, restaurants and bars in 24 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and more than 800 cities and counties throughout the United States, thereby saving countless lives and protecting the health of millions of people.

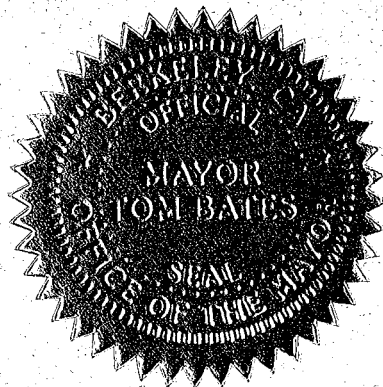
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tom Bates, Mayor of the City of Berkeley congratulate

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and wish it every success in continuing its vital work.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



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