

Proclamation

A Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Month of May, “Protect Our Children from Tobacco Smoke and E-Cigarette Vapors Month”.

WHEREAS, the Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition strives to educate residents on the dangers of tobacco smoke and e-cigarette products, and aims to help them make healthy decisions for themselves and their families, and;

WHEREAS, it is crucial to provide a safe and healthy community for our youngest citizens – our children, and to create an environment in which they can be successful and grow to be productive citizens, and;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, tobacco smoke, and e-cigarette vapors negatively impact children’s cognitive development; including that of secondhand smoke, and;

WHEREAS, infants and children, who breathe tobacco smoke have an increased chance of limited cognitive development, infections, respiratory issues, and other illnesses, compared to those who are protected from such smoke, and;

WHEREAS, tobacco smoke and e-cigarette vapors are considered to be environmental pollutants, which can negatively impact the health and welfare of children, and of citizens of all ages and backgrounds.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby declare the Month of May, 2020 to be “Protect Our Children from Tobacco Smoke and E-Cigarette Vapor Month” within the City of Monessen, and do applaud the work of the Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition and their partner organizations.



Matthew Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen