

**CITY OF SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 24-09-17c**  
**No Minor Sale**

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 3-18-1 (1972) provides that municipalities have the power to “protect generally the property of its municipality and its inhabitants” and to “preserve peace and order”; and,

**WHEREAS**, NMSA 1978, Section 3-17-1 *et seq.* (1990) provides that municipalities may adopt resolutions and ordinances not inconsistent with the laws of New Mexico for the purpose of providing for the safety, preserving the health, promoting the prosperity and improving the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the municipality and its inhabitants; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Socorro City Council and Administration have a responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, and the City reserves the right to take whatever actions necessary to do so; and,

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable deaths in New Mexico; and,


**WHEREAS**, according to the 2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey, of the more than 2.1 million youth who currently use e-cigarettes, almost 9 out of 10 use flavored e-cigarettes; and,


**WHEREAS**, 5 states and over 375 local governments throughout the United States have addressed this issue by restricting flavored nicotine products to protect youth from predatory marketing tactics; and,

**WHEREAS**, nearly 60% of youth aged 12-17 years old who currently smoke use menthol cigarettes

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Socorro City Council hereby adopts this Resolution supporting the efforts of the New Mexico Department of Health and the No Minor Sale campaign to educate youth in the dangers of nicotine products and the restriction of the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of all menthol-flavored cigarettes, all flavored cigars, and flavored e-cigarettes.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th DAY of September 2024.**

  
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Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

Attest:   
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Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk