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WHEREAS children are among the most vulnerable to the damaging effects of second-hand smoke, and

WHEREAS there is international scientific consensus that exposure to tobacco smoke puts youth at a greater risk of developing bronchitis, pneumonia, colds, ear infections, and asthma, while infants have an increased chance of dying from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and

WHEREAS according to Health Canada, second-hand smoke kills more than 1,000 Canadians every year, and the latest Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey (CTUMS) resulting show that 25% of Canadians are being exposed to second hand smoke in the vehicle, and

WHEREAS a position paper by the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) in 2004 cited evidence that second-hand smoke in a vehicle is up to 23 times more toxic than in the home because of the restricted space, and


WHEREAS infants and children are more severely affected by second-hand smoke than adults because their small bodies have higher respiration rates, and

WHEREAS all passengers especially young children have the right to be protected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Algoma Public Health hereby supports Private Member's Bill 11, banning smoking in cars containing children under the age of 16, as presented by David Oraziotti MPP from Sault Ste. Marie.

One significant way to protect children from the negative effects of second-hand smoke is to make vehicles smoke-free.

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