

Below is a resolution for Town of Amsterdam meeting advocating for legislation to stop the sales of Kratom in New York State to individuals under the age of 21:

****Resolution in Support of Legislation to Stop the Sales of Kratom in New York State to individuals under the age of 21****

****Whereas****, Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) is a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia, the leaves of which are often marketed and consumed for their psychoactive effects;

****Whereas****, the use of Kratom has been associated with a variety of adverse health effects, including dependency, withdrawal symptoms, and overdose;

****Whereas****, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Food and Drug Administration have expressed significant concerns regarding the safety and potential for abuse of Kratom;

****Whereas****, there is limited regulation surrounding the sale of Kratom, leaving consumers vulnerable to potential unregulated and unsafe products;

****Whereas****, local health authorities, medical professionals, and addiction specialists have raised alarms about the risks of Kratom consumption, particularly among vulnerable populations;

****Whereas****, several states and municipalities across the country have recognized the potential dangers of Kratom and have enacted legislation to restrict or prohibit its sale to persons under the age of 21:

****Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**** that the Town of Amsterdam formally expresses its support for legislation of A02340 and S4552 that aims to prohibit the sale of Kratom within the State of New York to individuals under the age of 21:

****Be It Further Resolved**** that the Town of Amsterdam encourages local community members, healthcare professionals, and advocacy groups to unite in advocating for the passage of such legislation for the health and safety of our residents;

****Be It Finally Resolved**** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our state representatives and relevant health agencies to communicate our collective position and concern regarding the sale of Kratom.

****Adopted this [Date] by the Town of Amsterdam**