



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING TEEN SMOKING.

WHEREAS: Every day in our nation, 5,000 kids, under the age of 18, which includes adolescents of child-bearing age, smoke their first cigarette. Another 2,000 kids become regular daily smokers, one third of whom will die prematurely as a result of tobacco-caused disease, and approximately one out of five of pregnant teenagers pass the risks of smoking on to their babies directly or through exposure to second-hand smoke.

WHEREAS: Preventing and reducing smoking and other tobacco use among teenagers and other children requires a strong commitment from a broad, diverse range of organizations and individuals concerned about our nation’s youth and public health.

WHEREAS: One of the most effective ways to reduce smoking and other tobacco use, particularly among adolescents, is to raise the price of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products through tax increases; be it

RESOLVED: That the undersigned national organization joins the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Lung Association, and others in working to reduce tobacco use, especially among teens, by actions such as substantially increasing taxes on cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the undersigned national organization urges its state and local affiliates and partners, and their members, to join coalitions in their states working to prevent and reduce smoking and other tobacco use, especially among teens, by measures such as increasing state tobacco taxes.

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No. of Members: _____

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