
Illinois Children's Initiative

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE YOUTH SMOKING

WHEREAS, Every year over **60,000** Illinois children begin smoking, of whom, **20,000** of them will die prematurely because of this addiction; and,

WHEREAS, **260,000** of today's Illinois children will eventually die of tobacco related causes; and,

WHEREAS, Every year **19,000** Illinois mothers, fathers and other family members will die prematurely as a result of their tobacco addiction; and,

WHEREAS, Increasing the State's excise tax on cigarettes by 75-cents per pack would greatly decrease the number of children who become addicted to tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, This tax increase would generate **\$537 million per year in additional State revenues**. These revenues could provide funding for human services, health care, and other services to improve the lives of Illinois' families.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization endorses the *Illinois Children's Initiative*, which will:

- **Increase the Illinois excise tax on cigarettes by at least 75-cents per pack.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization will:

- **Inform its members and, if possible, the general public of its endorsement of this Resolution.**
- **Inform the Governor and members of the General Assembly of its endorsement of this Resolution, to the extent permitted by law, and urge its members to do the same.**

Name or Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to:

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Call (312) 346-4675 with questions about the Illinois Children's Initiative.*