



A MINNESOTA RESOLUTION TO REDUCE TEEN SMOKING

WHEREAS, one third of all teens who try cigarettes become regular, daily smokers before leaving high school and 90% of smokers began as teens; and

WHEREAS, significantly increasing the price of cigarettes is one of the most effective ways to reduce teen smoking, and

WHEREAS, teens are highly price sensitive, and increasing the Minnesota excise tax on cigarettes by \$1 per pack will reduce the number of cigarettes consumed by Minnesota teens by more than one third and the number of Minnesota teen smokers by almost one fifth; and

WHEREAS, increasing the Minnesota excise tax on cigarettes by \$1 per pack will raise between \$300 and \$350 million in new state revenue each year.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the undersigned organization endorses:

- 1. Increasing the Minnesota excise tax on cigarettes by \$1 per pack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the undersigned organization will:

- 2. Inform its members and the public of its endorsement of this resolution; and
- 3. Inform Minnesota’s Governor and Legislature of its endorsement of this resolution, to the extent permitted by law, and urge its members and the public to do so also.

SIGNED ON _____ **BY** _____
(date) (authorized signature)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

OF MEMBERS _____ CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE _____ TITLE _____

FAX _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____

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OR FAX TO: 651.641.1601 **Questions?** Call 651.999.5281