



## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TOBACCO USE PREVENTION

WHEREAS: Every day in Oregon, 20 youth become addicted to tobacco. One third of these will die prematurely as a result of tobacco-related disease.

WHEREAS: Every day in Oregon, 18 people die of tobacco-related disease.

WHEREAS: Tobacco use costs Oregonians \$1.8 billion annually in medical expenses and lost productivity<sup>1</sup>.

WHEREAS: Oregon will collect over \$350 million during the 2004-5 fiscal year from tobacco taxes and MSA payments<sup>2</sup>, and yet will spend only \$2.9 million on prevention. No revenue from the MSA is spent on tobacco prevention in Oregon.

WHEREAS: Preventing and reducing tobacco use among youth requires changing community norms through a comprehensive tobacco use prevention program and providing resources to those who want to quit;

WHEREAS: Preventing and reducing tobacco use among youth requires a strong commitment from a broad, diverse range of organizations and individuals concerned about our youth and public health.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the undersigned organization joins the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association of Oregon, the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and the Tobacco-Free Coalition of Oregon in working to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth, by advocating for appropriate funding for tobacco use prevention.**

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1. Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services.

2. Oregon State Revenue Forecast