

**Coalition for a Tobacco Free Vermont**  
**Resolution to Reduce Youth Smoking and Improve the Health of Vermonters**

WHEREAS, Every year, 1,400 Vermont children become addicted to tobacco and more than one-third of them will die prematurely because of this addiction; and

WHEREAS, rates of smoking among pregnant Vermont women are above national averages and result in over 1,000 births annually that are harmed by tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, increasing Vermont's tobacco tax by 67 cents would significantly reduce the number of youth and pregnant women who smoke, would save \$73 million in long term health care costs, and would provide \$110 million in additional state revenues over four years; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has the lowest tobacco tax in the region including all of New England, New York and Quebec; and

WHEREAS, reduced state budget revenues threaten established programs to provide health insurance and services for the most vulnerable Vermonters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the undersigned organization endorses:

- Increasing the Vermont tobacco tax by 67 cents; and
- Using money raised by this increase in the tobacco tax to fund state programs that will advance the health of Vermont citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the undersigned organization will:

- Inform its members and, if possible, the general public of its endorsement of this Resolution; and,
- Inform the Governor and members of the Legislature of its endorsement of this Resolution, to the extent permitted by law, and urge its constituency to do so.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(date)* *(authorized signature)*

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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