



RESOLUTION TO REDUCE YOUTH SMOKING

WHEREAS, Every year over 16,400 Wisconsin children become addicted to tobacco of whom more than one-third will die prematurely because of this addiction; and,

WHEREAS, Increasing Wisconsin's excise tax on cigarettes by \$1.00 per pack would significantly reduce the number of children who become addicted to tobacco, save over a billion dollars in health care costs, and provide hundreds of millions of dollars per year in additional state revenues.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization endorses:

- Increasing the Wisconsin excise tax on cigarettes by \$1.00 per pack; and,
- Using money raised by this excise tax increase to: (1) assure that Wisconsin has a comprehensive program to reduce tobacco use that follows and is funded within the Centers for Disease Control best practice guidelines; (2) fund the Medical Assistance Program (including waiver programs); (3) fund other state programs that will advance the health, education, and general welfare of Wisconsin 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 also.

Signed on _____ by _____
(date) (authorized signature)

Name of Organization: _____

Number of Members (if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____

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