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RESOLUTION TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE

WHEREAS, Every year over 20,100 New Jersey children become addicted to tobacco of whom more than one-third will die prematurely because of this addiction; and,

WHEREAS, tobacco related diseases kill 13,000 New Jersey residents each year, and,

WHEREAS, Fully funding New Jersey's Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program would significantly reduce tobacco use, particularly among children; and,

WHEREAS, Increasing the price of tobacco products is the most effective means to reduce consumption of tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, Over 53,000 non-smokers die each year in the U.S., including 1,600 New Jersey non-smokers, from exposure to second-hand smoke; and,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization endorses:

- Increasing the New Jersey excise tax on cigarettes by at least 50-cents per pack; and,
- Stable or increased funding of the New Jersey Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program at levels determined effective by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) until such time that tobacco use is no longer a significant public health threat; and,
- Giving local authorities the ability to regulate smoking in public places to protect the public health and welfare of New Jersey residents.

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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