

## RESOLUTION TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE IN KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Nearly 8,000 Kentuckians die every year from tobacco use; and,

WHEREAS, Every year 7,600 Kentucky children become addicted to cigarettes; and,

WHEREAS, Tobacco use disproportionately harms the health and well-being of low-income Kentuckians; and,

WHEREAS, Kentucky's annual health care expenditures due to tobacco use total over \$1.5 billion; and,

WHEREAS, Raising state tobacco taxes always reduces tobacco use and always increases state revenue; and,

WHEREAS, Increasing the cost of cigarettes is highly effective in lowering the number of children who smoke.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization endorses this initiative to:

- Significantly increase the state tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products; and,
- Ask the Governor and the General Assembly to use a portion of the additional revenue to provide new funding for statewide initiatives to promote public health, health care and children's issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization will:

- Inform its members and, whenever possible, the general public of its endorsement of this Resolution; and,
- Inform the Governor and members of the General Assembly of its endorsement of this Resolution, to the extent permitted by law, and urge its members to do so also.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members \_\_\_\_\_

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