

South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative

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Smoke Free South Carolina

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The South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative serves as a forum and a voice for tobacco control in South Carolina in an effort to prevent tobacco use and its deadly consequences

Resolution in Support of a Cigarette Tax Increase

Whereas, one of the most effective ways to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth, is to raise the price of cigarettes through tax increases; and

Whereas, smoking kills an average of 16 South Carolinians every day – over 6000 each year; and

Whereas, South Carolina pays more than \$1 billion in annual healthcare costs directly caused by smoking, with a tax burden of \$545 per household each year; and

Whereas, South Carolina's cigarette excise tax has not been raised since 1977, during which time more than 170,000 South Carolinians have died prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

Whereas, an excise tax increase of 93¢ will generate \$223 million in new state revenue; be it

Resolved, that the undersigned organization joins the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative in working to prevent future death and disease, reduce youth smoking, reduce premature births caused by smoking during pregnancy, and decrease the tax burden by substantially increasing South Carolina's excise tax on cigarettes; and be it further

Resolved, that the undersigned organization urges its state and local affiliates and partners to join in the South Carolina campaign to protect the health of all South Carolinians.

Name of Organization _____ Number of Members _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

By signing the above resolution you are giving permission for your organization's name to be used publicly as a supporter of increasing South Carolina's cigarette tax. Your contact information, including email, will not be shared. Please return to:

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