

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS' RESOLUTION

PROMOTING TOBACCO FREE OHIO CAMPUSES

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2012 there are estimated to be 10,270 new cases of Lung Cancer in Ohio, with 7,530 cases resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, in 2012 there are estimated to be 40,250 new cases of lip, oral cavity, and pharynx cancers nationwide, with 7,850 cases resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, the total annual public and private health care expenditures caused by smoking is \$96 billion, the annual health care expenditures solely from secondhand smoke exposure is \$4.98 billion, and the health care costs are as much as 40% higher for smokers than non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, smoking in Ohio costs \$1.4 billion in coverage by the state Medicaid program, a burden from government expenditures amounting to \$612 per household, and \$4.85 billion in productivity losses; and

WHEREAS, tobacco is increasingly becoming popular with Ohio's students, with over 10% of people going into college having used it regularly and 27% of the state's 18-24 year olds being smokers; and

WHEREAS, second hand smoke is classified as a known human carcinogen and results in a combined heart disease and lung cancer death toll of approximately 49,000 people in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, a recent study has shown that tobacco free campuses have significantly curbed the smoking habits of the students, faculty, and staff to make campuses healthier environments; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Ohio Board of Regents have concerns about the well documented negative health impact that tobacco has on one's self and on the overall health and wellbeing of students attending Ohio's public institutions of higher education; and


WHEREAS, the members of the Ohio Board of Regents, with the support of the Chancellor, advocate for the establishment of tobacco free college and

university campuses at all of Ohio's public institutions of higher education, to include: 14 four-year state universities, 24 branch and regional campuses, 23 two-year community colleges and technical colleges, Northeast Ohio Medical University, as well as Ohio's Adult Workforce Education (AWE) and Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) programs; and

WHEREAS, currently there are at least seven public college and university campuses in Ohio which have already enacted policies and resolutions to protect the health of students, faculty, staff and guests by disallowing the sale of tobacco and tobacco used on campus; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohio Board of Regents, and with the support of the Chancellor, recommend that each Board of Trustees of the University System of Ohio, implement its own policy to establish its campus as tobacco-free; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after implementation of the policy, the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of the University System of Ohio schools shall champion and uphold foresaid policy.

 July 23, 2012
James M. Tuschman, Chair Date

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James F. Patterson, Vice Chair Date Vinod K. Gupta Date

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