

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

Whereas more children alive today will die from tobacco use than from any other single cause-including AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, illegal drugs and fires combined.

Whereas child smoking rates are rising, with the number of eighth-graders who smoke increasing 30% between 1991 and 1994.

Whereas every day another 3,000 American children start to smoke, nearly 1,000 of whom will become addicted to nicotine and ultimately die from lung cancer, heart disease, or other tobacco-related causes.

Whereas the tobacco industry spends over \$6 billion a year on advertisements and promotions that, whether intentional or not, have the effect of encouraging children to use tobacco products.

Whereas the three most heavily advertised cigarette brands (Marlboro, Camel, and Newport) are the brands chosen by five out of every six child smokers.

Whereas state and local laws restricting tobacco sales to minors are routinely ignored.

Therefore, this Body resolves to support President Clinton's common-sense goal and corresponding regulatory proposal to decrease tobacco use by children by reducing the access and appeal of tobacco products to children.