



Resolution Regarding Tobacco Use on College and University Campuses

The Board of Trustees approved the following Resolution Regarding Tobacco Use on College and University Campuses:

Whereas, the dangers of tobacco use have been well documented by the United States Surgeon General since 1964; further, that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has designated environmental tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen, estimating that exposure causes 3,000 annual lung cancer deaths and finding that passive smoking has significant adverse effects on respiratory health; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota long has sought to curb the effects of first and second-hand smoking, including passage of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 144.411-.417, in 1975; and

Whereas, the use smokeless tobacco also poses health risks and the risk of nicotine addiction; and

Whereas, students from a number of colleges and universities within the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system have sought to place more restrictions on smoking and tobacco use on their campuses; and

Whereas, in addition to Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act requirements, at least nine of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities have taken steps to ban the use of tobacco products outside campus buildings, on campus grounds, and in vehicles owned or leased by the college or university;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees encourages each college and university to consult with its employees and students about additional steps the institution should take to:

1. Educate employees and students about the danger of tobacco use to themselves and others;
2. Provide information to employees and students about smoking cessation resources available; and
3. Further restrict tobacco use.

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