

**SOUTHERN HEALTH ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES**

WHEREAS, significantly increasing the excise tax on cigarettes and extending a tax to other tobacco products will decrease the use of tobacco, especially among youth.

WHEREAS, at least a 75-cent per pack increase in the cigarette excise tax would result in a lower youth smoking rate and a lower adult smoking rate.

WHEREAS, by raising the price on cigarettes and extending a tax on other tobacco products States can improve the overall quality and quantity of life among all their citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Southern Health Association calls upon the citizens of affiliated states to become aware of the economic and more importantly the public health benefits that an increase in the cigarette tax can offer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the affiliate states Governors, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, and members of the States General Assembly.

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Date