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RESOLUTION

on the

75 Cent Increase in the State's Tobacco Tax

WHEREAS, state funds for the Medicaid program, public health, health promotion/disease prevention, mental health and long term care programs have been reduced to the point of no longer meeting the needs of Michigan residents; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jennifer Granholm has proposed a 75 cent increase to the cigarette tax to assure continued funding for health care programs including a pledge that the first \$30 million be dedicated to health promotion/disease prevention programs that will address the health status of Michigan residents through the Healthy Michigan Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a 75 cent increase in the cigarette tax will decrease smoking by children under 18 years of age by 10% therefore reducing tobacco addiction by 94,000 youth and preventing 30,000 premature smoking related deaths in this cohort; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the 75 cent increase in the cigarette tax will result in 13,400 fewer smoking affected births over the next 5 years; and

WHEREAS, a 75 cent increase in the cigarette tax will not only generate revenues to support needed health care programs but will also decrease tobacco related morbidity and mortality for patients and reduce the lost productivity experienced by employers resulting in a total savings of an estimated \$1.59 billion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Association for Local Public Health supports a 75 cent increase in Michigan cigarette tax; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Michigan Association for Local Public Health request that the revenues generated from this tax be used to support health care programs with a stipulation that the first \$30 million be directed to the Healthy Michigan Fund.

Adopted by the Michigan Association for Local Public Health Board of Directors, March 8, 2004