

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a university values the health and well-being of its students, staff and faculty; and,

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute states that smoking causes 87 percent of lung cancer deaths and is responsible for most cancers of the larynx, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and bladder; and,

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is currently responsible for an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths among U.S. nonsmokers each year; and,

WHEREAS, health risks caused by cigarette smoking are not limited to smokers in that secondhand smoke, or involuntary or passive smoking, significantly increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease; and,

WHEREAS, exposure to environmental smoke has been associated with non-cancerous conditions including: chronic coughing, phlegm, wheezing, chest discomfort, lowered lung function, severe lower respiratory tract infections, such as bronchitis or pneumonia, more severe asthma and increased chance of developing asthma, eye and nose irritation, severe and chronic heart disease, low birth-weight or small size at birth for babies of women exposed to smoke during pregnancy, spontaneous abortion (miscarriage), adverse effects on cognition and behavior, and worsening of cystic fibrosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Faculty at the University of Mississippi, as representatives of the faculty, that we support a full ban on the personal use of smoking products on all University campuses, facilities and property, and applies to all University faculty, staff, students and visitors.

RESOLVED, this the 8th day of May 2007.

THE SENATE OF THE FACULTY

CHAIR, University of Mississippi Senate of the Faculty