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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNING BODIES OF EVERY PUBLIC  
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN NEW MEXICO TO  
IMPLEMENT A TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY.

WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and  
prevention report that cigarette smoking is the leading cause  
of preventable death in the United States, accounting for  
approximately four hundred forty-three thousand deaths, or one  
out of every five deaths, in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, the department of health reports that nearly  
one-fourth of New Mexico high school students smoke, a rate  
significantly higher than the national rate for this age  
group; and

WHEREAS, approximately twelve percent of New Mexico's  
youth chew tobacco or use snuff, which is also higher than the  
national rate of eight and nine-tenths percent; and

WHEREAS, the department of health also reports that  
nearly one-fourth of young adults in New Mexico between the  
ages of eighteen and twenty-four smoke; and

WHEREAS, since most smokers began smoking before the age  
of eighteen, policies that create smoke-free environments have  
been shown to decrease youth smoking; and

WHEREAS, according to the American lung association, two  
hundred ninety colleges and universities prohibit smoking and

1 all forms of tobacco use everywhere on their campuses; and

2 WHEREAS, effective August 1, 2009, the board of regents  
3 of the university of New Mexico adopted a policy to prohibit  
4 the use of tobacco products on all university property except  
5 in a small number of designated smoking areas; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the American lung association, no  
7 other public post-secondary educational institutions in  
8 New Mexico have adopted tobacco-free campus policies;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governing bodies of each public  
11 post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico join the  
12 university of New Mexico and be requested to adopt a  
13 tobacco-free campus policy, effective July 1, 2014; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any governing body of a  
15 public post-secondary educational institution in New Mexico  
16 that does not have a tobacco-free campus policy in place  
17 effective July 1, 2014 be requested to report the reasons for  
18 the lack of such policy to the legislative health and human  
19 services committee and the tobacco settlement revenue  
20 oversight committee by July 1, 2014; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the presidents and the governing bodies of  
23 each public post-secondary educational institution in  
24 New Mexico, except for the university of New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_