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**2004-5**

## **Resolution of Support to proposed Tobacco Tax Increase to support Heath Care Services**

**Whereas**, Governor Granholm has proposed a 75-cent increase in the tobacco tax to support health care services, dedicating the first \$30 million to public health disease prevention and health promotion and \$265 million being dedicated to preserve the Medicaid safety net that provides access to services for the most vulnerable populations: children, the elderly and the disabled; and

**Whereas**, a 75-cent increase in the tobacco tax will prevent 30,000 kids from dying prematurely from smoking-caused illnesses and 94,000 youth from becoming addicted to tobacco; and will lead to 56,000 fewer adult smokers; and will result in 13,400 fewer smoking affected births over the next 5 years, saving over \$15.3 million in health care costs; and

**Whereas**, Michigan ranks among the worst for risk factors such as smoking, obesity and physical inactivity which result in 70% of all deaths as well as nearly 75% of all health care costs; and

**Whereas**, revenue from a 75-cent increase in the tobacco tax will be invested in helping communities control diabetes, hypertension, smoking, obesity, cancer, heart, lung and other chronic diseases; and

**Whereas**, revenue from a 75-cent increase in the tobacco tax will be invested in maternal and child health prevention and outreach services that promote long-term health and development of children; and

**Whereas**, revenue from a 75-cent increase in the tobacco tax will be invested in serving 1.3 million Michigan citizens through Medicaid health care services; and

**Whereas**, the Medicaid program has experienced severe under funding of \$505 million while the number of eligible citizens has increased by 19 percent, seriously threatening the health care safety net for millions of Michigan children and families; therefore it is

**Resolved**, that the undersigned organization supports a 75-cent increase in the Michigan tobacco tax; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the undersigned organization supports the Governor's proposal to allocate all of the revenue generated from this tax increase to health care programs, with the first \$30 million being dedicated to public health prevention programs including tobacco cessation, chronic disease prevention and maternal and child health; and with \$265 million being dedicated to Medicaid services.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held March 30, 2004 and is on file in the records of this office.

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Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk