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A RESOLUTION

1 Raising awareness of the dangers of smoking and vaping during
2 the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Tobacco Control Research
4 and Education, smoking is associated with more than doubling the
5 odds of disease progression in people who had already developed
6 COVID-19; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the World Health Organization, smokers
8 are more likely to develop severe disease with COVID-19 compared
9 with nonsmokers; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse,
11 COVID-19 is an especially serious threat to those who smoke
12 tobacco or who vape because the disease attacks the lungs; and

13 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
14 Food and Drug Administration, the Surgeon General and State
15 health departments advocate that stopping smoking and vaping and
16 avoiding secondhand exposure should be added to the list of
17 important preventative measures for COVID-19; and

18 WHEREAS, Smokers should discuss with their doctors options to

1 quit smoking or vaping, including nicotine patches, gum or
2 smoking cessation medications, with expert coaching and support,
3 including calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate raise awareness of the dangers of
5 smoking and vaping during the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate encourage individuals who smoke or
8 vape to make every effort to quit during the COVID-19 pandemic
9 because of the serious potential risks associated with smoking
10 or vaping and COVID-19.