

RESOLUTION NO. 6-797

TO: IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: SUPPORT OF INCREASE IN STATE TOBACCO TAX

WHEREAS, the article by T. Anthony Zielinski "Increase of Taxes on Cigarette and Tobacco Products Support in Wisconsin" in the March, 1997 issue of Wisconsin Counties describes in detail the economic and health costs of the use of tobacco products; and,

WHEREAS, increasing tobacco taxes is widely recognized as the single most effective way to reduce tobacco consumption, especially among youth, and increase tax revenue that can be used to cover health expenses caused by tobacco; and,

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking costs Iowa County an estimated \$3.5 million per year in direct medical costs; and,

WHEREAS, smoking causes 8,700 premature deaths and the loss of 85,000 years of potential life per year in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature Council recommends a \$.28/pack increase in the next two State fiscal years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board does hereby encourage the Iowa County Legislative Delegation to support an increase in the tobacco tax of at least \$.28/pack suggested in the Wisconsin Legislative Council; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board does hereby also support the earmarking of a portion of the increased revenue to be returned to the counties to help compensate for their tobacco related costs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Counties Association support passage of increases in the tobacco tax to cover the economic and health costs of tobacco use in Wisconsin as an Association Legislative Priority.

Date: July 9, 1997

BOARD OF HEALTH

Ronnie Schlangen

Robert J. [Signature]

Clark [Signature]

Norma Buck

Kathy Cahill

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 County Iowa
 the above is a true and correct copy of the original
 now on file in the office of the County Clerk and that
 it was adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors
 on this date.

Date: 7-15-97
 (Seal)

I, David D. Meudt
 do hereby certify that
 the above is a true and correct copy of the original
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 it was adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors
 on this date.

David D. Meudt
 County Clerk

