

RESOLUTION

**Support Reinstatement of Funding within State Budget
For Tobacco Control Board**

TO THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin will receive an estimated \$5.9 billion dollars over the next 25 years as part of a settlement reached in 1998 between 45 states and the tobacco companies; and

WHEREAS, current law directs a portion of these funds into a Tobacco Control Fund to facilitate anti-smoking programs; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board has identified its mission to aggressively pursue the elimination of tobacco use by partnering with communities to prevent tobacco use among youth, promote cessation, and eliminate second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the mission will be achieved through comprehensive state and local efforts that utilize best practices and address the needs of diverse populations most adversely impacted by tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2002 – 2003 state budget contains a 36% or 12 million dollar decrease, over the next two years, in funding for the Tobacco Control Board, as a means of balancing the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, with the Tobacco Control Board funding, prevention efforts of community and public health organizations have just recently been developed, coordinated, and implemented in a concerted effort to reduce and eventually eliminate tobacco-related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, your undersigned County Board Supervisors believe that the continued prevention efforts of the Tobacco Control Board programs are essential to (1) the health promotion of Iowa County residents and all other Wisconsin residents and (2) the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board's continued efforts to accomplish its vision, "Wisconsin residents living tobacco free."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that it supports the reinstatement of the 12 million dollars into the 2002 – 2003 state budget for the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board's continued prevention efforts and opposes the use of tobacco prevention dollars to balance the state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes and directs the Iowa County Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to all

state legislators representing constituents within Iowa County; to the offices of: Dale Schultz, Steve Freese, and Gabe Loeffelholz.

Congressperson Tammy Baldwin and Senators Herbert Kohl and Russell Feingold, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, to all Wisconsin Counties and to the office of Governor McCallum.

Submitted by:
HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Committee Vote: 6-0

Vote Requirement for Passage:
Majority of those present

Approved by the Iowa County Board this 21st day of August 2001.

Neil D. Jefferson
County Chairperson