

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TO MINORS, AND USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES BY MINORS**

This measure would request that the State of Idaho enact legislation prohibiting the sale and distribution of electronic cigarettes and their component parts to minors, and use of electronic cigarettes by minors.

**WHEREAS**, electronic cigarettes are rechargeable, battery-operated drug delivery devices that look similar to cigarettes and allow the user to inhale a smokeless vapor often containing nicotine; Electronic cigarettes are also known as e-cigarettes, e-cigs, vapors, electronic nicotine delivery systems and ENDS; and

**WHEREAS**, electronic cigarettes and their component liquids are not regulated by any government agency, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and therefore there is no assurance that the product or its components are safe.

**WHEREAS**, the chemical nicotine is classified as a drug due to its stimulative, sedative and addictive qualities; and

**WHEREAS**, minors who have never smoked, and other nicotine-naive minors, may be drawn to the uniqueness of the electronic cigarette and its liquid "flavors," and may become addicted to nicotine.

**WHEREAS**, even though they have the authority, no jurisdiction in Idaho currently restricts the sale of electronic cigarettes (or component parts) to minors.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Idaho State Legislature to protect children from these products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho District Boards of Health support and encourage the State Legislature in Idaho to adopt legislation that:

- Prohibits the sale and distribution of electronic cigarettes and their component parts to minors;
- Prohibits marketing of electronic cigarettes and their component parts to minors;
- Prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes and their component parts by minors;
- Prohibits unsubstantiated claims by retailers about electronic cigarettes and their component parts; and
- Facilitates the effective enforcement of the aforementioned prohibitions regarding electronic cigarettes and their component parts.

Further, the Idaho District Boards of Health support and encourage the Legislature in Idaho to seek advice from the Idaho Public Health District staff when scripting legislation regarding electronic cigarettes and their component parts.