

ARIZONA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION: TOBACCO EXCISE TAX

Resolution 93-4

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco leads to illness, disability and death; and

WHEREAS, the adverse economic costs attributable to smoking, such as lost productivity, disability and health care expenses, amount to over \$810 million per year in Arizona, or \$2.73 per pack of cigarettes sold in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, all of society bears this economic burden; and

WHEREAS, current Arizona excise tax on cigarettes is 18¢ per pack; and

WHEREAS, increasing tobacco taxes decreases consumption, especially among young initial users;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Public Health Association supports increasing tobacco excise taxes to a level which both reimburses society for expenses incurred by users and discourages further tobacco use.

Passed by Board of Directors  
9/29/93

Approved by Membership  
Annual Meeting 10/1/93

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