



CPHA Resolution

Annual meetings in smoke –free venues

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Whereas: A leading cause of death in the United States is exposure to second hand tobacco smoke

Whereas: Second hand tobacco smoke is estimated to cause between 38,000 and 63,000 deaths per year, primarily from heart and lung disease, but also from SIDS, asthma, and various cancers;

Whereas: Second hand tobacco smoke is regarded as a Class A carcinogen by the EPA;

Whereas: Second hand tobacco smoke is condemned by the Surgeon General, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association and American Heart Association;

Whereas: Second hand tobacco smoke is responsible for an enormous disease burden, costing billions of dollars per year in direct health care costs and resulting in untold human costs, such as work and school absenteeism, loss of productivity, fetal and congenital abnormalities and low birth weight as outcomes of pregnancy in women exposed to second hand tobacco smoke;

Whereas: Public policy initiatives in several political jurisdictions in Colorado have resulted in the control of second hand tobacco smoke;

Whereas: It is consistent with the policy of CPHA and the philosophy of preventive medicine to strongly favor policies that limit exposure to second hand tobacco smoke; and,

Whereas: The CPHA should use its market clout and expend its financial resources when scheduling its annual conference in Colorado in those Colorado political jurisdictions where smoke-free policies have been passed; therefore be it

Resolved: CPHA will hold its annual conference, when held in Colorado, in political jurisdictions that have adopted smoke-free policies*, and

Resolved that: CPHA will widely disseminate this policy to all communities in Colorado of sufficient size to host our annual meeting.

Resolved that: CPHA will circulate this policy to affiliate organizations for their consideration.

*Colorado communities with smoke-free policies

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