Proposed Resolution for the November 17th, 2003 UTK Faculty Senate Meeting

WHEREAS, nicotine is highly addictive; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has warned that smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and may complicate pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, world wide smoking causes four million unnecessary deaths per year, and 11,000 deaths every day; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 smoking-attributable deaths in the United States per year; and

WHEREAS, the annual smoking related health care cost in the United States is $80 billion; and

WHEREAS, behavioral research is beginning to explain how social influences, such as observing adults or other peers smoking, affect whether adolescents begin to smoke cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that secondhand smoke causes lung cancer in adults; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Tennessee will no longer sell cigarettes or other tobacco products on its Knoxville campus.