

A resolution

supporting smoking cessation efforts among Native people.

WHEREAS, ClearWay Minnesota and its partner organizations, and the Minnesota Department of Health, fund research, intervention, and community development projects, such as wellness programs for adults and youth tobacco prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, funding of cessation, research, and policy efforts in Minnesota Native American communities by ClearWay Minnesota and its partner organizations has not been commensurate with the persisting health disparities between Native people and the general population that are well-documented by Indian Health Service; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it:

(1) supports efforts to prevent smoking addiction among Native people, especially our youth;

(2) supports smoking cessation efforts, including the development of culturally-specific cessation models; and

(3) supports tribal members by increasing smoke-free policies and enforcement of current policies to protect the health of tribal people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota calls on ClearWay Minnesota and its partner organizations, and the Minnesota Department of Health, to immediately provide adequate funding to tribal programs and urban organizations for smoking cessation, prevention, and research efforts to reduce health disparities for Minnesota Native people.

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- 2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
- 2.2 directed to prepare a copy of this memorial and transmit it to the Minnesota Department of Health.