

E-Cigarettes and Youth Resolution

Whereas, Nicotine is a highly addictive drug that chemically alters the brain's pathways resulting in a negative impact on adolescent brain development; and

Whereas, FDA random tests found non-nicotine e-cigarette cartridges to contain nicotine; and

Whereas, Lab tests have found e-cigarettes to both contain harmful carcinogens and toxic chemicals while cartridges emit varying amounts of nicotine which can be toxic in high doses; and

Whereas, Refill bottles and cartridges packaging do not employ safety measures to prevent young children's access or accidental ingestion of toxic amount of nicotine; and

Whereas, Companies selling e-cigarette and vapor devices are utilizing advertising techniques targeted toward youth; and

Whereas, E-cigarette use among middle and high school students doubled from 2011 to 2012 which has given rise to concerns by public health officials that e-cigarettes could lead to increased nicotine addiction among youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers (Missouri PTA), its units and councils, support legislation aimed at regulating e-cigarettes, prohibiting sales to individuals under the age of 18, and restricting advertising targeted toward youth; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers (Missouri PTA), its units and councils, encourage and support programing directed at discouraging e-cigarette use among youth.

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