

RESOLUTION

PURPOSE: Since cigarettes and spit tobacco currently have hazard warnings on packaging, it would be appropriate for cigars to carry such a label.

TITLE: FTC WARNINGS FOR CIGARS

WHEREAS, while cigarette smoking has declined since 1993, the number of cigar smokers has increased 50 percent, and

WHEREAS, this matter has been studied by the HHS Office of the Inspector General, and CDCJ Office on Smoking and Health, and

WHEREAS, one of the studies involving 18 focus groups of teens reported more than 1/3 of the teenagers had smoked a cigar in the past 30 days, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher has supported this initiative,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT *THE LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION* HEREBY **recommends that the Federal Trade Commission require the cigar manufacturers to put a Surgeon General warning label on their products.**

DONE AND DATED this 27th day of January, in the year 2000.

Signed by the LEHA Board of Directors

RESOLUTION

PURPOSE: Prevent Children Worldwide from Tobacco Products

TITLE: SUPPORTING A GLOBAL APPROACH TO YOUTH TOBACCO USE

WHEREAS, by 2030 worldwide deaths from tobacco use are expected to surpass 10 million a year (more than triple), and

WHEREAS, this level will surpass the total of deaths from tuberculosis, malaria, and maternal/childhood conditions combined, and

WHEREAS, smoking will cause 1 out of 3 adult deaths in 2020, up from 1 in 6 (1990) in developing countries, and

WHEREAS, the *Louisiana Environmental Health Association* is concerned with the health of our communities, our Nation, and the world, and

WHEREAS, a global approach to tobacco prevention was identified during the first International Policy Conference on Children and Tobacco, recently held in Washington, DC.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT *THE LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION* HEREBY endorses a global strategy against tobacco use by youth.

DONE AND DATED this 27th day of January , in the year 2000 .

Signed by the LEHA Board of Directors

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH PRINCIPLES AND GUIDANCE
FOR BROWNFIELDS POLICIES AND PRACTICES

WHEREAS, communities across the country, with the support of all levels of government, are moving rapidly to redevelop abandoned or underused properties (brownfields), which may be contaminated by toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has identified at least 450,000 such sites nationally; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws in many jurisdictions are reducing standards and liability for cleanup and otherwise speeding up the development process; and

WHEREAS, there is risk that due diligence is not being given to assuring that health risks are being addressed as part of the development process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the *Louisiana Environmental Health Association* supports the Public Health Principles and Guidance for Brownfields Policies and Practices of the National Association of County and City Health Officials dated September, 1998, and will seek to disseminate these principles and guidance as widely as possible and advocate their application to local, state, and federal policies.

DONE AND DATED this 27th day of January, in the year 2000.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION

WHEREAS, fluoride is a naturally occurring element, and adjusting the fluoride content of community water supplies is the single most effective and safe public health measure to prevent tooth decay and to improve oral health for a lifetime;

WHEREAS, community water fluoridation is a public health measure that benefits individuals of all ages and socioeconomic groups, especially those without access to regular dental care;

WHEREAS, an additional 30 million persons must receive optimally fluoridated water from public water supplies to meet the national health objective for the year 2000 to increase to at least 75% the proportion of persons served by community water systems providing optimal levels of fluoride;

WHEREAS, the average cost for a community to fluoridate its water is estimated at 51 cents per year per person, which, over a lifetime translates to less than the amount to treat a single cavity; and

WHEREAS, fluoridation of community water supplies is supported by the American Dental Association, the U.S. Public Health Service, the American Medical Association, and the World Health Organization;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Environmental Health Association (LEHA) recognizes the public health benefits of community water fluoridation for preventing dental decay, and encourages communities to fluoridate water supplies to levels optimal for protection against tooth decay.

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Signed by the LEHA Board of Directors

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING

National Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist Day
on the 4th Monday of April annually in the State
of Louisiana

} **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Louisiana face potential health hazards every minute of every day of their lives that may result in deleterious effects to their health and/or their environment; and

WHEREAS, environmental health hazards are a great threat to the health and happiness of those persons who may be immunocompromised, the aged, and the young as well as to those who are healthy; and

WHEREAS, Sanitarians/Environmental Health Specialists strive towards meeting preventive health goals for the public's health; specifically, to reduce or eliminate environmental health risk factors that cause human suffering, disease or injuries through consultation, education, inspections, investigations and enforcement in the areas of food safety, public facilities, drinking water supply, sewage disposal, pest control, solid waste, air quality, toxics, bioterrorism, disaster response and communicable disease; and

THEREFORE, the Louisiana Environmental Health Association in association with the National Environmental Health Association of the United States of America proclaims the 4th Monday of April, annually, as National Sanitarian/Environmental Health Specialist Day. The Louisiana Environmental Health Association shall join with their state affiliate associations, national associated affiliates, other government agencies and organizations in the declaration of this day to honor those men and women who have made the protection of the public's health a career goal and to celebrate their accomplishments.

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Signed by the LEHA Board of Directors