

**RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
REGARDING EXPENDITURE OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Whereas Oregon currently receives approximately \$100 million every biennium as part of the 2009 Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement; and

Whereas it was the intent of the Settlement to utilize a least a portion of these funds to reduce tobacco use in adolescents and help existing smokers quit smoking; and

Whereas currently none of the tobacco funding is earmarked for these purposes but is, instead, deposited directly into the General Fund; and

Whereas years of research have shown the effectiveness of smoking prevention programs for pre-teens and teens:

THEREFORE The Democratic Party of Washington County resolves to:

1. Support a specific allocation of Tobacco Settlement monies for programs aimed at reducing teen and pre-teen smoking, for assisting smokers to quit, and for education regarding the health impacts of smoking;
2. Inform our state legislators, in both Parties, that more effort should be focused on health improvements associated with reduction of smoking, and
3. Support the works of other groups, such as Upstream Public Health and TOFCO and their efforts to pass HB2136, the Master Settlement Agreement Reallocation.

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