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TOBACCO FREE IOWA COUNTY COALITION

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE USE OF THE TOBACCO
LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

TO HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE OF IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS: the use of tobacco products is the Number One preventable cause of death and disability in Wisconsin and Iowa County; and

WHEREAS: there are limited resources available to prevent citizens from beginning to use tobacco products; and

WHEREAS: there are limited resources available to enforce laws enacted to prevent the sale of tobacco products to children in an effort to prevent children from becoming addicted to tobacco products; and

WHEREAS: there are limited resources available to assist those addicted to tobacco products to quit using tobacco products; and

WHEREAS: Counties have significant responsibilities for public health, health care, and indigent care, all which are affected by the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS: the State of Wisconsin has been successful in obtaining a monetary settlement with the Tobacco Companies; and

WHEREAS: in order to reduce the cost of tobacco addiction in the future, we must prevent our citizens from becoming addicted today; and

WHEREAS: we at the county level have a closer-to-the-problem viewpoint on what programs and policies will be most effective in Iowa County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin include representatives from County Government in the decision making process regarding the use of funds from the Tobacco Lawsuit Settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a ^{all} ~~majority~~ of the funds be directed for use in the prevention of tobacco use and assisting those addicted to tobacco to stop using tobacco products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be directed to send this resolution to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Family