

RESOLUTION 91 - 05A

Title: Seek New Revenue Sources for Public Health Efforts

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Whereas, the public health infrastructure in Michigan is inadequate to the substantial challenges posed by existing public health problems and their effects on present and future well-being and health care costs, and

Whereas, much needs to be done to address health disparities across segments of the population in Michigan, to decrease tobacco use and to curtail the obesity epidemic and the associated rise in chronic illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension, and

Whereas, potential sources of funds for this essential work are inadequate; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS convene and work actively with diverse stakeholders in Michigan to identify potential sources of new revenues which can be earmarked to support a strong public health effort throughout the state, and develop and act on strategies to implement mechanisms to obtain such revenues, including, but not limited to, consumption taxes on items which have a potential negative effect on individual and community health such as alcohol and sugar-laden soft drinks.

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