

## Sample Resolution for Holding Meetings In Smokefree Cities

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**Whereas** numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer; and

**Whereas** the 2006 U.S. Surgeon General's report, "*The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*," concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; ventilation and other air cleaning technologies cannot completely control for exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke; smokefree workplace policies are the only effective way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace, and evidence from peer-reviewed studies shows that smokefree policies and laws do not have an adverse economic impact on the hospitality industry; and

**Whereas** the Public Health Service's National Toxicology Program has listed secondhand smoke as a known carcinogen; and

**Whereas**, based on a finding by the California Environmental Protection Agency in 2005, the California Air Resources Board has determined that secondhand smoke is a toxic air contaminant, finding that exposure to secondhand smoke has serious health effects, including low birth-weight babies; sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); increased respiratory infections in children; asthma in children and adults; lung cancer, sinus cancer, and breast cancer in younger, premenopausal women; heart disease; and death.; and

**Whereas** the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has issued a warning that anyone at risk for heart disease should avoid entering smoke-filled environments; and

**Whereas** secondhand smoke is particularly hazardous to elderly people, individuals with cardiovascular disease, and individuals with impaired respiratory function, including asthmatics and those with obstructive airway disease; and

**Whereas** local and state governments throughout the country have successfully passed smokefree air laws to protect people against the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; and

**Whereas** it is consistent with the policy of \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] to strongly favor policies and laws that limit exposure to secondhand smoke; and

**Whereas** cities that have adopted smokefree air laws should be rewarded with increased convention and tourism business; and

**Whereas** \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] should use its market clout and expend its financial resources in cities that have adopted a smokefree air law; therefore be it

**Resolved** that \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] hold all meetings only in smokefree cities; and

**Be it further resolved** that \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] will only attend meetings that are held in smokefree; and

**Be it further resolved** that if no smokefree city exists or can accommodate a meeting, \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] will hold and attend meetings only in smokefree meeting facilities;

**And be it further resolved** that \_\_\_\_\_ [Organization] strongly encourages other organizations to adopt similar resolutions.