

A Commitment to Public Health

WHEREAS, more children alive today will die from tobacco use than from any single cause – including AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murder, suicides, illegal drugs, and fires combined; and

WHEREAS, every day, another 3,000 American children start to smoke, nearly 1,000 of whom will die from lung cancer and other diseases caused by smoking; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has concluded that nicotine is a powerfully addictive drug similar to cocaine and heroin; and

WHEREAS, over 430,000 Americans die each year from tobacco-related illnesses and millions more continue to suffer from lung cancer, emphysema, and heart disease caused by smoking; and

WHEREAS, Big Tobacco's financial support of organizations and community events creates a false positive image and is an attempt to portray smoking as an acceptable social behavior;

THEREFORE, we pledge to not sell tobacco products and to neither accept nor solicit any financial contributions, sponsorships, or gifts from any tobacco company, executive, or activity that promotes tobacco use.

Signature

Date

Title

Organization

Tobacco Action Coalition
of Long Island



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