



1           WHEREAS, tobacco control policies and public health initiatives aimed at curbing  
2 tobacco use contributed to a decrease in the prevalence of smoking by people of the United  
3 States from forty-two percent in 1965, to eighteen percent in 2012; and

4           WHEREAS, tobacco use remains one of the most pressing public health concerns  
5 of the United States and is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in  
6 the United States; and

7           WHEREAS, as discussed in previous surgeon general reports, there are proven health  
8 benefits for those who quit smoking; and

9           WHEREAS, just one year after quitting smoking, the risk of a heart attack drops  
10 sharply and, within two to five years of quitting smoking, the risk of stroke falls to about the  
11 same as a nonsmoker; and

12           WHEREAS, within five years of quitting smoking, the risks for cancers of the mouth,  
13 throat, esophagus, and bladder drop by half and the risk for lung cancer drops by half within  
14 ten years after quitting smoking; and

15           WHEREAS, upon the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the first Surgeon  
16 General's Report on Smoking and Health, the Office of the United States Surgeon General  
17 continues to work to increase awareness of the lessons learned and the progress that has  
18 taken place during the last fifty years of tobacco control efforts.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
20 commend the surgeon general of the United States upon the fiftieth anniversary of the  
21 issuance of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
23 to Acting Surgeon General Rear Admiral Boris D. Lushniak.

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#### DIGEST

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Commends the U.S. surgeon general upon the 50th anniversary of the issuance of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health.