

**FUNDING TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAMS WITH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT
MONIES**

- WHEREAS, 16% of Utah's high school children smoke; and
- WHEREAS, There are 3.8 million packs of cigarettes sold illegally to children in Utah each year; and
- WHEREAS, There are 1,100 people who die each year in Utah from smoking because smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and
- WHEREAS, Smoking among children and youth has increased steadily throughout much of the 1990s; and
- WHEREAS, Utah teen smoking rates have actually increased and Utah no longer has the lowest teen smoking rate in the country; and
- WHEREAS, Comprehensive tobacco prevention programs cost money; and
- WHEREAS, Money has already been provided through the Master Settlement Agreement on Tobacco, but not appropriated sufficiently by the Legislature; and
- WHEREAS, States that are having a successful reduction in tobacco usage have initiated comprehensive tobacco prevention programs; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies support legislative efforts to ensure the money recommended for comprehensive tobacco prevention be appropriated in compliance with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Tobacco Prevention Master Plan; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies collaborate with other organizations in lobbying for legislative action; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies continue to provide education to parents, families, and communities about the dangers of tobacco use.