

1 WHEREAS, According to a 2004 study, tobacco use was the
2 leading cause of actual deaths in the U.S., and was responsible
3 for 435,000 deaths, more than 18% of the total deaths in the
4 U.S.; and

5 WHEREAS, An analysis of 22 peer-reviewed studies showed
6 that for every dollar invested in health promotion, there was
7 an average savings of \$5.81 million and an average reduction of
8 health care cost of 26%; and

9 WHEREAS, Based on 2001 data, if Illinois reduced smoking in
10 the Medicaid population by 10%, the savings would be \$16
11 million; a 25% reduction would result in a savings of \$40
12 million; and a 50% reduction would save Medicaid \$81 million;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois announced an initiative to
15 help residents to quit smoking; the Illinois Department of
16 Healthcare and Family Services encourages all health care
17 providers to screen patients for tobacco use and to provide
18 counseling, intervention, and treatment and to make referrals
19 to the toll-free Illinois Tobacco Quitline (1-866-QUIT-YES or
20 1-866-784-8937); the Department also provides instructions for
21 referral to the Illinois Tobacco Quitline and informs providers
22 about over-the-counter and prescription smoking cessation
23 products covered by State health assistance and insurance

1 programs; and

2 WHEREAS, Increasing awareness of and participation rates
3 in the various elements of the State's smoking cessation
4 initiative should improve public health and substantially
5 reduce the cost of care; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 urge the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services,
9 in consultation with the Illinois Department of Public Health,
10 to prepare and submit a comprehensive report to the House of
11 Representatives and the Governor, by January 1, 2008, on the
12 results and effectiveness of the State's Smoking Cessation
13 Initiative, together with recommendations that will increase
14 participation, improve public health outcomes, and evaluate
15 the merits of creating an incentive program for Medicaid
16 recipients."