

**Letters of endorsement from fire
service organizations**



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A RESOLUTION

**BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHALS SECTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS**

WHEREAS, the careless smoking of cigarettes poses a significant fire hazard and continues to be the number one cause of death by fire, and

WHEREAS, for many years, individuals states unsuccessfully sought ways to produce fire safe cigarettes, and

WHEREAS, in 1984, a national examination of the issue was initiated by Congress, involving scientists, technical experts and others representing the fire service, the public health community, government agencies and the tobacco industry, and

WHEREAS, the group spent three years carefully examining if and how fire safe cigarettes should be made, and then produced specific recommendations in accordance with their assignment, and

WHEREAS, H.R. 673, sponsored by Representatives Frederick Boucher, Curt Weldon and others, and S. 732, sponsored by Senators John Breau, John McCain and others, would faithfully implement the federal group's recommendations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **STATE FIRE MARSHALS SECTION** of the International Association of Fire Chiefs takes the position that:

- o individual states are not equipped or funded to deal with this issue in a thorough and effective manner;
- o the issue must be resolved promptly at the federal issue; and
- o Congress and the President should immediately adopt and fund H.R. 673 and S. 732 so that this important work may continue and be concluded as rapidly as possible.

Signed: _____

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Chair, IAFC State Fire Marshals Section

Date: _____

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