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A RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF STUDENT LEADERS ON THE
SUBJECT OF WINTHROP BECOMING A SMOKE FREE CAMPUS AND WHAT
POSSIBLE EFFECTS IT WOULD HAVE ON THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Council of Student Leaders recognizes one's right to smoke, as long as it does not conflict with the rights of others; and

WHEREAS, some current smokers do not comply with the "Campus Smoking Policy" that details the permitted smoking sections on campus; and

WHEREAS, smoking poses a health hazard to all, and smoking in non-designated areas on campus is discourteous to non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, it's been expressed that the designated smoking sections on campus are in need of safety upgrades, including but not limited to better environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, the "Campus Smoking Policy" is not effectively communicated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Student Leaders

THAT establishment of a smoke-free campus would be difficult and additionally would disenfranchise a certain segment of the campus community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university will review the safety conditions, location, and environmental conditions of the designated "Smoking Areas" to ensure the security of smokers on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional signage should be posted around campus that clearly designates smoking and non-smoking areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff and employees will be notified of the "Campus Smoking Policy" and designated smoking areas during initial and subsequent training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that smoking cessation programs are available on campus and will be brought to student awareness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that information regarding the "Campus Smoking Policy" and the designated Smoking Areas should be widely distributed through the use of the Winthrop website, brochures, and other forms of communication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council will continue to review implementation of the “Campus Smoking Policy” and continue to raise awareness that such policy exists; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage copies of this resolution are sent to the Winthrop University Wellness Committee; The Johnsonian, The Roddey McMillian Record and the Herald; the Vice President of Student Life and the President of Winthrop University.

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