University of Alaska Fairbanks Staff Council Resolution 2014-254-1

The UAF Staff Council approved the following action, Resolution 2014-254-1, at Staff Council Meeting #254, on October 22, 2014.

Resolution in Support of Banning Smoking and Tobacco Use at UAF

WHEREAS, The University of Alaska is considering banning smoking and tobacco use Systemwide; and

WHEREAS, Smoking and tobacco use are legal, and UAF students, faculty, and staff are adults who can make their own personal and informed decisions; and

WHEREAS, Allowing smoking and tobacco to be used in designated areas, away from building entrances and air intakes, largely reduces the negative impact on non-smokers and non-tobacco users; and

WHEREAS, The realistic impact that a ban would have on smokers and tobacco users' needs to be addressed in a non-discriminatory manner; and

WHEREAS, Banning smoking and tobacco use would make UAF a nicer place (no cigarette butts, no spit bottles, cleaner air); and

WHEREAS, Banning smoking and tobacco use might discourage some people from starting to use these products or encourage some people to quit using these products; and

WHEREAS, A ban may lead to healthier people, reduced healthcare costs, and healthier lifestyles for those at UAF;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, UAF Staff Council is in favor of banning smoking and tobacco use on UAF properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Smoking and tobacco use be permitted in designated areas.

Chris Beks, President, UAF Staff Council

Date