Resolution in Support of the California State University San Marcos Smoke- and Tobacco-free Campus Implementation Task Force

WHEREAS: Executive Order 599, the California Code of Regulations Title 5, Division 5, Section 42356, and the CSU Board of Trustees in its meeting on September 17-18, 2002 have all given authority to each CSU campus to establish its own policies with regard to tobacco use; and

WHEREAS: The Surgeon General has stated that tobacco use in any form presents a significant health hazard, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency have determined that there is no safe level for exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS, aka second-hand smoke), and;

WHEREAS: ETS has been declared a toxic air contaminant and classified as a Class-A carcinogen by the State of California Air Resources Board, and;

WHEREAS: The minimum age for the purchase and possession of tobacco in California has been raised to 21 years, as of June 2016 (SB7, Chapter 8); and

WHEREAS: There is a pending Chancellor's Office system-wide Executive Order for all campuses to become 100% smoke and tobacco-free by September 2017; and

WHEREAS: The entire UC system, five CSUs, and all San Diego public colleges except CSUSM are 100% tobacco-free; and

WHEREAS: The current policy of restricting smoking to certain areas of campus actually requires already extraordinarily limited campus funds to be spent on signage, ash collection receptacles, and enforcement, leading to areas of campus that are, for all intents and purposes, inaccessible to those who wish not to be exposed to second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS: CSUSM has an ethical obligation to safeguard the health of the entire campus community; therefore, so be it

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University at San Marcos supports the work of the CSUSM Smoke- and Tobacco-Free

Campus Implementation Task Force, and endorses the goal of making our campus 100% smoke/tobacco-free.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to the President and the Executive Council of CSUSM.