*This* ***SAMPLE*** *resolution may be helpful to assist hospital Boards of Trustees draft the appropriate resolution for their Tobacco-Free efforts. Since going tobacco-free may require changes to hospital bylaws, employee/hospital policies, and more, we strongly encourage hospitals to review the resolution with legal counsel.*

**A Resolution on Going Tobacco-Free**

**WHEREAS** tobacco use is the Number One cause of preventable death in the U.S., directly related to more than approximately 443,000 deaths in 2009; and

**WHEREAS** tobacco use is responsible for 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths, and 30 percent of *all* cancer deaths, as well as a major cause of heart disease, aneurysms, bronchitis, emphysema, and stroke; and

**WHEREAS** so-called Secondhand Smoke is classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and American Cancer Society as a Class A/Group A carcinogen, which means it is a toxic substance known to cause cancer in humans, and results in more than 49,000 deaths a year; and

**WHEREAS** the organization we represent, [\_\_\_\_\_HOSPITAL NAME\_\_\_\_\_], is comprised of dedicated men and women whose fundamental mission is to combat disease and promote the public health, and

**WHEREAS** [HOSPITAL NAME] wishes to support and participate in the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's *MA Hospitals Tobacco-Free Inside and Out* statewide campaign*,* therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that effective [\_DATE\_], [HOSPITAL NAME] shall become 100% tobacco-free, meaning that the use of all forms of tobacco products – including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, "chew," or split tobacco products – are prohibited in or on all buildings either owned or leased, grounds, parking lots, ramps, plazas, vehicles, and sidewalks adjacent to all [HOSPITAL NAME] properties, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that all events, meetings, and seminars operated or sponsored by [HOSPITAL NAME] are to be tobacco-free, and that the advertisement of tobacco products of any kind are prohibited from hospital-run publications, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of [HOSPITAL NAME] encourages its valued employees who use tobacco products to seek treatment for their addiction, and be it further

RESOLUTION DECLARED AND ADOPTED.   
  
DATED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011