

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE BOARD

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, tobacco use through direct and second hand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.;

WHEREAS, in Maryland it is the leading preventable cause of death in approximately 10,000 cases each year and costing approximately \$1.5 billion in annual health-related economic losses;

WHEREAS, second hand smoke contains the same poisons that smokers inhale with more than 60 known carcinogens, which prompted the Environmental Protection Agency to classify second hand smoke as a Group A carcinogen in 1992;

WHEREAS, currently there are smoking bans in the City of Baltimore and 5 counties in Maryland, 14 states, 250 local jurisdictions and 8 countries;

WHEREAS, Maryland can and should remain a leader in public health care initiatives by supporting a smoke-free initiative for all indoor public spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Johns Hopkins Medicine, as a leading health provider in the State of Maryland, confirms and states its commitment to the public health of the citizens of Maryland and requests that the Maryland General Assembly swiftly pass emergency legislation banning smoking in all indoor public spaces in the State of Maryland.