

Boulder Faculty Assembly  
Resolution of Support for Restricting Smoking on  
the Boulder Campus  
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WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States.

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is also a significant cause of preventable death in the United States.

WHEREAS, the only demographic where smoking is increasing is college-aged persons and ninety-five percent of smokers start the habit when they are under twenty-five.

WHEREAS, nation-wide, sixty-five percent of college students choose not to smoke and seventy-six percent of adults choose not to smoke.

WHEREAS, national efforts to promote smoke-free environments have led to reductions in the number of people who smoke, the amount of tobacco products consumed, and the number of people exposed to environmental tobacco hazards.

WHEREAS, the University is a leader in health care and has a vital interest in maintaining a healthy and safe environment for its students, employees, and visitors.

WHEREAS, if fewer University faculty and staff engage in the use of tobacco products, the University can save in its health care costs and devote more resources to its central mission.

WHEREAS, a recent voluntary survey of the University community demonstrated a majority of persons supporting a total ban of smoking on University property, with strong majorities supporting the ban at UCD, and near majorities at UCB and UCCS.

WHEREAS, the University values the principles of shared governance and the opinions of the leaders elected to represent the faculty, staff and students of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boulder Faculty Assembly urges the Board of Regents, the president, and the chancellors to devise plans, in consultation with appropriate governance groups, to restrict smoking to designated areas on the Boulder campus.