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Date: February 3, 2009

Promoting a Healthier Campus

Short Title: A resolution that sets forth regulations that govern smoking in public places in order to maintain and promote a safe, professional, healthy work and learning environment for all students, visitors, faculty, and staff while on the Arkansas State University campus.

Whereas, it is the policy of Arkansas State University to promote the health, well being, and safety of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and

Whereas, the United States government deemed the protection of public health and welfare through the regulation of second-hand smoke emissions such a priority that the Clean Air Act has been enforced since its inception in 1970, and

Whereas, tobacco use and second hand smoke have been identified by the Surgeon General to be the cause of preventable diseases, such as: heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer, and

Whereas, a report recognized by the Surgeon General, *The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*, finds that even brief secondhand smoke exposure can cause immediate harm and that the only way to protect nonsmokers from dangerous chemicals in secondhand smoke is to eliminate smoking, and

Whereas, in addition to creating a healthy learning and working environment it would reduce litter by eliminating cigarette butts and remove the need to keep and maintain smoking receptacles, and

Whereas, over 800 students have documented their concerns for a smoke free campus, and

Whereas, the current restriction on smoking within 20 feet of campus buildings is insufficient in eliminating exposure to second hand smoke and is rarely enforced, and

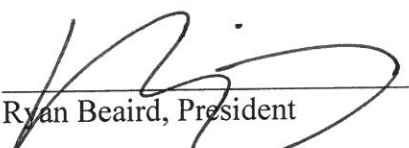
Whereas, this resolution will exclude smoking in greek, staff, and faculty housing, and around Athletics' Facilities, and

Whereas, this will be accompanied with a university sanctioned smoking cessation program available through Counseling Services or the Department of Wellness and Health Promotions for smokers who voluntarily desire to quit smoking.


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Effective July 1, 2009, Arkansas State University will restrict smoking on its Jonesboro Campus with the exception of the aforementioned locations in order to maintain and promote a safe, professional, healthy work and learning environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

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Ryan Beaird, President



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