

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 112

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A Resolution urging the United States Congress to
authorize the United States Food and Drug
Administration to regulate tobacco products.

WHEREAS, according to the campaign for tobacco-free
kids, tobacco use remains the nation's leading
preventable cause of death, killing more than 400,000
people annually; and

WHEREAS, the centers for disease control and
prevention of the United States Department of Health
and Human Services estimate that tobacco use causes
over \$89 billion in annual health care expenditures,
including over \$28 billion in total annual Medicaid
costs; and

WHEREAS, to date, efforts to restrict advertising
and marketing of tobacco products have failed to
substantially reduce the use of tobacco products,
especially by children; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal governments have
lacked the legal and regulatory authority to
comprehensively address the public health problems
caused by the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the sale, distribution, marketing,
advertising, and use of tobacco products are
activities that involve and substantially affect
interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to authorize
the United States Food and Drug Administration to

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1 regulate tobacco products; and

2 WHEREAS, such authority would include, but not be
3 limited to, the authority to regulate the levels of
4 tar, nicotine, and other harmful components of tobacco
5 products, to regulate the advertising and promotion of
6 tobacco products so that consumers are better
7 informed, and to ensure effective oversight of the
8 tobacco industry's efforts to develop, introduce, and
9 promote less harmful tobacco products; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
11 That the United States Congress is urged to pass, and
12 the President is urged to sign, legislation to
13 authorize the United States Food and Drug
14 Administration to regulate tobacco products under the
15 United States Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act, 21 U.S.C.
16 § 301 et seq.; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
19 United States and to each member of the Iowa
20 congressional delegation.

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