

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 72-16

Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
72nd Session

Recognition of Chancellor Sharp's Electronic Cigarette Policy and the Potential for Health Risk Resolution

"A resolution to recognize the efforts of Texas A&M Administration to create a tobacco-free campus"

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

Eric Mendoza

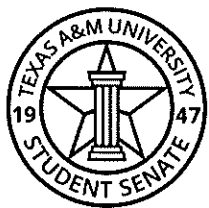
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Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 10/30/2019

Introduced By: Collin Tran, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By:

- Aaleen Ali, Off-Campus Caucus
- Hunter Martin, Off-Campus Caucus
- Julia Garcia, Off-Campus Caucus
- Wes Fisher, Corps of Cadets Caucus
- Claire Rowan, Health Science Center Caucus
- Dang Dang, Off-Campus Caucus
- Garrison Kleman, Engineering Caucus
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- Bridget Frank, Liberal Arts Caucus
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- Edgar Rivera, Off-Campus Caucus
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- Aaron Wood, College of Engineering
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Whereas(1): On January 1st, 2020, Texas A&M University plans to go entirely smoke, tobacco, and vape-free¹, thus amending University Rule 34.05.99.M1 on Smoking and Tobacco Use, the use of smoking, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and other forms of tobacco are currently banned in buildings, eating areas, housing and athletic facilities; and,

Whereas(2): On October 1st, 2019, Texas A&M University Chancellor John Sharp directed the presidents of the 11 universities and the directors of the 8 state agencies within the Texas A&M University System to ban the use of e-cigarettes and vaping; and,

Whereas(3): As of October 15, 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that it is aware of more than 1,479 cases of lung injury and 33 deaths from electronic cigarettes, 76% of whom had a history of using THC and other non-FDA approved vaping products;²

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 72nd Session of the Student Senate recognizes Chancellor Sharp's efforts to ban nicotine products within the Texas A&M System: and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes that Chancellor John Sharp's action in efforts to reduce vaping on campus is an important step to protect students' health and well-being; and,

Let it be

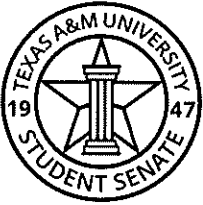
Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M the Student Senate would like to emphasize the concerns of vaping set forth by public health experts; and,

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<https://www.kbtx.com/content/news/Texas-AM-University-prepares-to-ban-all-use-of-tobacco-on-campus-563106291.html>

² https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html



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Further

Resolved(4): The 72nd Session of the Student Senate recognizes the following on-campus groups for nicotine cessation: Aggie Recovery Community, Office of the Dean of Student Life, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Student Health Services among others.

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University
John Sharp, Chancellor of the Texas A&M System
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life, Texas A&M University
Aggie Recovery Community
Dr. Mary Ann Covey, Counseling and Psychological Services
Dr. Martha Dannenbaum, Student Health Services
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