

## Resolution to create Tobacco-Free Churches and enhance tobacco knowledge among members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

WHEREAS, Each year an estimated 3,000 lung cancer deaths and 35,000 coronary heart disease deaths occur annually among adult nonsmokers in the United States as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 45,000 African Americans die from preventable smoking related diseases each year; and

WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer and other health problems including increased incidence of asthma, ear infections and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to young children. The EPA estimates that secondhand smoke is responsible for between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections in infants and children under 18 months of age annually; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that a person with any risk factor(s) for heart disease should avoid all secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the faith community values the health and abundant life of all its members  
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that I will work to make my congregation Tobacco-Free and increase awareness about the risks of tobacco use and benefits of quitting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual Date

Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

