

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Memorializes the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will encourage potential and current tobacco users to abstain from using tobacco, and current users to discontinue their use of tobacco use by increasing the taxes on the aforementioned products by increasing tax by 75 percent on current taxes every two years up to \$3 tax in order to promote and support healthy lifestyles among Nevada citizens.

WHEREAS, A tax increase on tobacco products can prevent juveniles from using these products and current users to quit; and

WHEREAS, Higher taxes on these products conserve money through a decrease in tobacco-related health care costs, which includes Medicaid expenses; and

WHEREAS, Statistics show that a \$1.25 tax increase on a pack of cigarettes will prevent more than 37,000 smoking-caused deaths in New York; and

WHEREAS, Taxes on a pack of 20 cigarettes in Nevada is currently \$0.80, which ranks D out of A, B, C, D, and F rankings among taxes on cigarettes in other states; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco-related complications represent one of the most serious threats to public health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE NEVADA GIRLS STATE, assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2011, that the 2013 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to increase a progressive 75 percent tax on tobacco products every two years with a limit of \$3 on taxes, whereupon these taxes will in turn be put into Nevada's public education fund.