

Resolution passed at the 45th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, in Executive Session, on Tuesday afternoon, March 30, 1965, New Orleans, La.

WHEREAS there is irrefutable evidence associating cigarette smoking with such lethal and disabling disorders as cardiovascular disease, pulmonary emphysema and cancer of the lung; and,

WHEREAS this evidence has accumulated largely from the observations of physicians and surgeons concerned with pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases; and,

WHEREAS the overwhelming evidence of alarming increase of cigarette-caused death and disability is most apparent to thoracic surgeons; and,

WHEREAS the other branches of medicine and the public look to thoracic surgeons for leadership in dealing with this vast public health problem;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Association for Thoracic Surgery urge all its members to intensify an educational campaign directed toward the public in general, and youth in particular, relative to the health hazards of smoking; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Association for Thoracic Surgery recommend to the Congress of the United States the passage of legislation that will regulate advertising and require a warning label on merchandise as a necessary and important step in leading the citizens of the United States and the world toward an eventual understanding of this dangerous habit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to the Congressional Committees which are involved with legislation in this field.