



**The University of West Florida  
Student Government Association**

**Subject:** "Smoke Designated Areas"

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To read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the University of West Florida Student Government Association seeks to recognize the serious health risks imposed on students due to smoking and second hand smoke exposure, and,

**WHEREAS**, based on the results from the Smoking Survey administered by the Student Outreach Committee, 90% of University of West Florida Students describe themselves as non-smokers, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Smoking Survey results also depict that 48.5% of campus residents (smokers and nonsmokers) encounter secondhand smoke often to all of the time, and,

**WHEREAS**, empirical studies have clearly indicated that secondhand tobacco smoke significantly increases the potential for pulmonary and cardio-vascular diseases for those who do not smoke, but inadvertently breathe in tobacco-related toxins,

**WHEREAS**, an individual's right to pursue any habit should not be deleterious to the health and comfort of others, and,

**WHEREAS**, many members of the campus community are living with chronic lung diseases such as asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis, and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the University of West Florida Student Government Association recommends that The University of West Florida creates designated areas for the use of cigarettes and other smoking devices, and that the University of West Florida limits smoking to designated areas on campus.