

**Resolution No. 6-09-F**

**A resolution condemning any ban on the sale or use of tobacco products on Middle Tennessee State University Campus**

**Whereas:** The freedom of choice should not be encroached upon by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

**Whereas:** A ban on the use or selling of tobacco products does not effectively or accurately represent the student body and is an undemocratic action from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

**Whereas:** If a ban to use tobacco does come to fruition, MTSU could see mass rallies and protests against such a ban.

**Whereas:** In a time of budget shortfall, our resources should not be used to combat a legal substance. Such ineffective measures will not force students to quit tobacco use.

**Whereas:** Both students and professors use tobacco products in their recreational time on campus; thus, this affects the MTSU populist at large.

**Whereas:** The rule for smoking twenty feet away from any given building should be enforced rather than potentially banning the use of tobacco altogether.

**Whereas:** The ban on the sale of tobacco products directly affect and discriminate against disabled students on campus.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 72<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

Section 1: The SGA will not be a rubber stamp. We condemn and rebuke the actions of the Tennessee Board of Regents in regards to a ban on the sale and a possible ban on the use of tobacco and will protect and fight for the civil liberties of the student body.

Section 2: The Student Government Association of Middle Tennessee State University will stand in solidarity with all of the Tennessee Board of Regent’s higher education facilities that are affected by the selling ban and a possible tobacco ban.

Sponsor: Senator Thomas

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Failed;
11 in favor, 42 against, 5 abstain