

Cornell University  
University Assembly

**U.A. Resolution #9**

**Tobacco-Free Campus Referendum**

*April 18, 2017*

1 **Sponsored by: Ulysses Smith, Employee; Chair, Campus Welfare Committee**

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3 **On Behalf Of: UA Campus Welfare Committee (U. Smith, J. Anderson, L. Copman, M.**

4 **Indimine, J. Kruser, E. Loew, S. Park, Aravind Natarajan, Natalie Hofmeister)**

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6 **Whereas,** Article III of the Charter of the University Assembly grants the Assembly the authority “to  
7 provide meaningful opportunity for community participation in the development of such  
8 recommendations and resolution”; and

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10 **Whereas,** Such an opportunity may include “a comment period of at least one calendar month during  
11 which any member of the community may submit written information or opinions for the Assembly’s  
12 consideration”; and

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14 **Whereas,** On September 20, 2016, the Assembly referred the discussion of becoming a tobacco-free  
15 campus to the Campus Welfare Committee; and

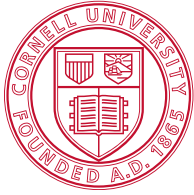
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17 **Whereas,** The Campus Welfare Committee met over the course of the fall semester with  
18 representatives from all constituent groups, as well as representatives from Cornell Health, Cornell  
19 Wellness, Environmental Health & Safety, and Tompkins County to discuss a number of proposals;  
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22 **Whereas,** The Campus Welfare Committee conveyed its recommendation to hold a campus-wide  
23 referendum to the University Assembly at the November 15, 2016 meeting; and

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25 **Be it therefore resolved,** The University Assembly shall conduct a campus-wide referendum on the  
26 question, “Should Cornell launch a two-year initiative to become tobacco-free?” during the fall 2017  
27 semester.

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29 **Be it further resolved,** The comment period of the referendum shall be open for no more than 30  
30 days, during which all members of the Cornell community (students, faculty, and staff) may submit  
31 statements supporting or opposing the tobacco-free course of action.

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33 **Be it further resolved,** The referendum shall be declared approved by a simple majority of the  
34 individuals who participate in the vote.

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36 **Be it further resolved,** The Chair of the Assembly shall convey the results of the referendum to the  
37 President of the University, noting whether or not the referendum passed, the number of individuals  
38 who participated in the vote, and the percentages of those supporting and opposing the tobacco-free  
39 course of action in each constituency.

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41 **Be it finally resolved,** that the University Assembly requests that the President of the University and  
42 university leadership shall honor the results of the referendum, taking no action if the outcome is  
43 unfavorable, or determining the appropriate next steps to become tobacco-free if the outcome is  
44 favorable.

**Adopted by a Vote of the Assembly ( \_ – \_ – \_ ), Month Day, 2017,**

**Gabe Kaufman**

Chair, University Assembly