



SPONSOR: Sen. Buckson & Rep. Briggs King

DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

RECOGNIZING THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS OF THE YOUTH-LED KICK BUTTS GENERATION ORGANIZATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Kick Butts Generation is a powerful youth-led force that is leading the fight against the tobacco  
2 industry by educating thousands of youth and teens annually of the dangers of tobacco and nicotine products with 553  
3 members throughout Delaware; and

4 WHEREAS, Kick Butts Generation was established in Delaware in 1999 and advocated for many successes such  
5 as the Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA), higher taxes on tobacco products, and raising the age to purchase tobacco products to  
6 21; and

7 WHEREAS, Kick Butts Generation recently held their Kick Butts Generation Youth Summit on tobacco at the  
8 University of Delaware with 87 youth from all over Delaware attending; and

9 WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cigarette smoking is the leading  
10 preventable cause of death and disability in the United States, resulting in more than 480,000 deaths annually including  
11 those caused by secondhand smoke; and

12 WHEREAS, smoking is known to cause cancer, perinatal conditions, and cardiovascular, metabolic, and  
13 respiratory disease; and

14 WHEREAS, over \$289 billion in healthcare costs are due to smoking and smoking related diseases; and

15 WHEREAS, in the State of Delaware, 1,400 people die due to smoking-related illness each year; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2021, 13% of adults in the State of Delaware smoked cigarettes; and

17 WHEREAS, 1,200 Delaware youth, under the age of 18, try cigarettes for the first time each year and 17,000  
18 youth now under the age of 18 will die prematurely from smoking; and

19 WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes among youth has increased drastically, with e-cigarettes becoming the most  
20 used tobacco product among U.S. middle and high school students; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2019, 36.5% of U.S. high school students reported that they currently use a tobacco product, and  
22 27.5% reported using e-cigarettes; and

23           WHEREAS, most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain  
24 development, which continues into the early to mid-20s; and

25           WHEREAS, e-cigarettes may also contain other harmful substances such as lead, nickel, tin, and cancer-causing  
26 chemicals.

27           NOW, THEREFORE:

28           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
29 Representatives concurring therein, that we recognize the advocacy efforts of the youth-led Kick Butts Generation  
30 organization.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution recognizes the advocacy efforts of the youth-led Kick Butts Generation organization.

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