

**GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Board of Trustees**

**To make GCC a Tobacco Product and Betelnut-free campus.**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco is a legally available consumer product which kills people when used entirely as intended; and

**WHEREAS**, second-hand smoke contains poisonous chemicals such as arsenic, hydrogen cyanide, ammonia, and carbon monoxide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen, a substance known to cause cancer in humans, and the EPA does not recognize a safe level of exposure to Group A carcinogens; and

**WHEREAS**, indisputable scientific evidence exists that links tobacco use and exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke to pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases and cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, over 60 percent of all Guam cancer deaths are tobacco related; and

**WHEREAS**, the percentage of Guam's people who smoke is one of the highest of all U.S. states and territories; and

**WHEREAS**, smoking rates among Guam adults continue to increase despite the fact that over half of the current smokers have recently attempted to quit; and

**WHEREAS**, 23.3% of middle school students and 31.6% of high school students in Guam are current smokers, according to the 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and

**WHEREAS**, Guam Public Law 21-139, Guam's Clean Indoor Air Act of 1992, prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places and requires restaurants to designate at least 50% of their restaurant seating as non-smoking; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam Public Law 28-20, the Natasha Perez Protection Act of 2005, prohibits smoking in Guam restaurants, except for restaurants that turn into bars late at night; and

**WHEREAS**, Guam Community College is committed to promoting the health, wellness and social well-being of its students, staff, faculty and the people of Guam and the Western Pacific; and

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**WHEREAS**, Betelnut and tobacco products, when chewed and expectorated, represent a significant health hazard by increasing the opportunity for exposure to various communicable diseases through saliva and air borne contaminants; and

**WHEREAS**, GCC desires to set a good public example as a responsible, health conscious public institution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees directs the GCC administration to immediately develop a plan to ban the use of Tobacco products and the use of betelnut on the GCC campus. Said ban will occur no later than June of 2007, contingent upon a plan to be developed within two months and presented to the Board of Trustees at its June 2006 meeting. In the interim period, only seven (7) smoking areas will be designated on the campus, and to the extent possible these will be away from walkways.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that this resolution replaces BOT Resolution 9-94.

**Adopted: March 9, 2006**

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