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## World No Tobacco Day

### 2002 Proclamation

**WHEREAS** the youth of Belgrade, Yugoslavia and the youth Kansas in the United States of American are paired through Essential Action's Global Partnerships for Tobacco Control program.

**WHEREAS** this global partnership program matches tobacco control groups in the U.S. and Canada with groups in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern/Central Europe and the former Soviet Union and facilitates their working on meaningful joint projects and campaigns. Currently, over 360 groups from more than 100 countries and 40 U.S. states and territories are involved. Essential Action is a corporate accountability group based in Washington, DC.

**WHEREAS**, tobacco control advocates in the State of Kansas in the United States of America welcome the opportunity to join in a spirit of cooperation with the City of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to work together to reduce tobacco-related deaths and to promote a tobacco-free world.

**WHEREAS**, each year the World Health Organization proclaims May 31 as the day that people all over the world turn attention to the year 2020, when it is estimated that tobacco use will be the world's largest single health problem, causing an estimated 8.4 million deaths annually.

**THEREFORE IT IS PROCLAIMED**, in celebration of World No Tobacco Day on May 31, 2002, the youth of Belgrade and the youth of Kansas will participate in a joint effort focusing on the elimination of tobacco use in sports in our communities under this year's theme of "Tobacco-Free Sports."

**THEREFORE**, as a commitment to the goal of reducing tobacco addiction across the world, the youth of Kansas and the youth of Belgrade will promote a tobacco-free message for all youth, especially for those young people involved in sporting activities, and will do so in and around the time of May 31, World No-Tobacco Day 2002.

**IN BELGRADE**, The Institute of Public Health of Serbia and 4<sup>th</sup> year Psychology School students at the University of Belgrade have planned a variety of events:

A competition for the best jingle on tobacco-free sports.

Tennis matches in a smoke-free setting.


A masquerade parade in downtown Belgrade with prizes for the best mask.

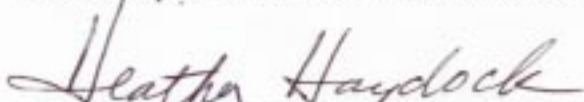
Printing of posters and leaflets and other materials on the hazards of tobacco use.

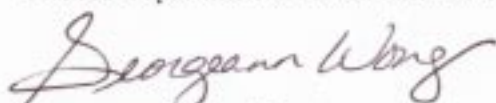
A petition to government ministry offices to promote the need for taking action to reduce the use of tobacco and to limit tobacco advertising and marketing of lethal products.

**IN KANSAS**, youth plan to promote a tobacco-free sports message through the annual “Special Olympics” which will be the main focus for this year’s World No Tobacco Day activities. On May 31, 2002 TASK students in Kansas and the Special Olympics participants will sponsor a daylong competition for people with developmental disabilities and will promote a tobacco-free sports message at this event, which draws hundreds of competitors, sponsors, and family members from all over Kansas. This year’s Special Olympics will be in Wichita. The TASK youth members from high schools all across Kansas plan and implement tobacco prevention programs for youth in the state. In addition, high school members of the Youth Council in Topeka, Kansas are making a tobacco prevention banner which they will have their picture taken with and then send by e-mail to their new young friends in Belgrade.

**IN COMMEMORATION** of these joint tobacco prevention efforts in the State of Kansas and in the City of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, we sign our names as a commitment to reducing the economic and physical damage caused by tobacco in all parts of the world.

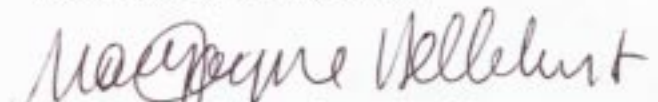
  
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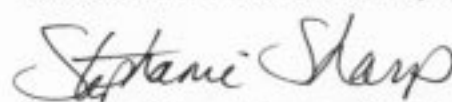
  
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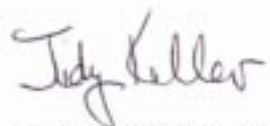
  
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