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SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN OUR NATION'S JAILS

American Jail Association Resolution Nonsmoking Jails

- WHEREAS,** it has been found that many disabilities such as respiratory diseases, hypertension, and heart disease may be caused by smoking, and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Surgeon General and National Academy of Sciences scientists have stated that environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), caused by sidestream smoke coming off the burning end of cigarettes and exhaled smoke, is as dangerous to the nonsmoking population as it is to smokers because of the substances emitted, and
- WHEREAS,** correctional employees are exposed to passive smoke created by inmates, and
- WHEREAS,** fire safety is of ever-increasing concern in the correctional environment, and
- WHEREAS,** according to *Fire Safety in Correctional Facilities*, a study by the National Fire Protection Association, 85 percent of fires in correctional institutions were started by use of smoking materials, and
- WHEREAS,** smoking contributes to the deterioration of correctional facilities housing inmates by turning walls yellow from nicotine, clogging vents, creating cigarette burns on furnishings, and requiring high costs for maintenance and repair, and
- WHEREAS,** nonsmoking employees and prisoners have a right to work and live in a smoke-free environment;
- THEREFORE BE
IT RESOLVED
THAT** the American Jail Association support the implementation of nonsmoking policies in jails.

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