

## RITE AID CORPORATION

### WHEREAS

The Rite Aid Corporation operates the largest drugstore chain in the United States with 2,420 stores in 22 states east of the Mississippi;

Drugstore sales represent approximately 95% of Rite Aid's corporate revenues;

Pharmacy sales are the fastest growing segment of our business, with sales representing 45.2% of drugstore revenues;

Rite Aid Prides itself on personal pharmacy service and that our pharmacists also are taking an active role in community healthcare;

We believe it appears inconsistent if, in our stores whose cornerstone is their pharmacies, we also sell cigarettes;

The sale of cigarettes from stores, such as Rite Aid Pharmacies, results in the premature death and disease of customers who ostensibly consider our other products serving and promoting health;

In the U.S.A., cigarette smoking kills more people than heroin, cocaine, alcohol, AIDS, fires, homicide, suicide, and automobile accidents combined;

And in the U.S.A. alone, health care costs attributed to smoking-caused disease has been estimated at \$22 billion, with loss of work-years and productivity estimated at \$43 billion;

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, cigarette smoking is as addictive as cocaine, heroin, and alcohol use and more addictive than many of the drugs that are sold by prescription. As a result of these facts many institutions have become smoke-free, i.e. the American Medical Association and universities, like Harvard and Johns Hopkins, have divested all their tobacco stocks.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the shareholders request management, by September 1, 1992, to take the following steps and report these actions to shareholders and employees:

1. Any investment portfolios of our company (i.e., for pension funds) should be evaluated according to the amount of tobacco company stocks held;
2. Management should assess and report the financial impact of holding or selling these tobacco company stocks;
3. All Rite Aid facilities with pharmacies be entirely smoke free;
4. No cigarettes will be able to be purchased in any of our Rite Aid facilities.

**Supporting Statement:** We believe the public will not perceive our Company's concern about health as credible if it does not end support for the number one cause of preventable death in this nation, namely cigarettes. To make profits from selling cigarettes we believe is a serious contradiction. If you agree, please support this resolution with a "yes" vote.