

**2002:02EM CONTROL OF ACCESS TO NICOTINE LACED PRODUCTS SUCH AS CANDY AND LIP
BALM BY CHILDREN UNDER 18**

Whereas: some pharmacists in Canada have begun dispensing lollipops containing nicotine which look like regular candy but which are designed to help adults stop smoking; and

Whereas: other pharmaceutical products containing nicotine, such as lip balm and bottled water, also designed to help people stop smoking, are becoming popular in the United States and may soon become available in Canada; and

Whereas: such nicotine laced substances are not controlled by the Tobacco Act, and in the case of the lollipops, may not even come under the Food and Drug Act; and

Whereas: once products such as lollipops and lip balm containing nicotine become more generally available in stores in Canada they may be attractive to children and present a possible danger to them both as a health hazard and as beginning an addiction to tobacco; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that products containing nicotine designed to help people stop smoking be available only through pharmacists and physicians to persons 18 and under; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

1. regulate products containing nicotine designed to help people stop smoking by making them available only through pharmacists and physicians to persons 18 and under;
2. monitor advertising and sales of pharmaceutical products containing nicotine such as lollipops and lip balm, and ensure that children under 18 do not have access to them except by prescription.