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Regulation of Flavored Tobacco Products

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BE IT RESOLVED that the California-Nevada Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church call upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to exercise its authority to ban the use of menthol in cigarettes and other tobacco or nicotine transmitting (e-cigarette) products in the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference Secretary transmit this resolution to the Conference Congressional delegation to request that the “Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act” of 2009 be amended to no longer exempt menthol as a characterizing flavor of tobacco or nicotine transmitting (e-cigarette) products, thereby ensuring that menthol would be prohibited from being added to such regulated products in the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Conference call upon the General Board of Church and Society, Alcohol, Other Addictions, and Health Care Program and the General Board of Global Ministries, Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence (SPSARV) to lobby the FDA and Congress in support of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the California-Nevada Annual Conference forward this resolution to the 2012 General Conference for their consideration and adoption.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following the adoption of this resolution by the 2012 General Conference, the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society seek, through local church authorities, to lobby the federal government of each country where The United Methodist Church has a presence, to seek the prohibition of menthol and any and all other characterizing flavors from tobacco or nicotine transmitting (e-cigarette) products.