



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2007-2

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE SALE AND USE OF NOVELTY LIGHTERS

- WHEREAS,** The National Association of State Fire Marshals has contributed significantly to the preservation of life and property from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Association of State Fire Marshals members consist of the most senior fire officials in the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** The members of the National Association of State Fire Marshals regularly find cigarette lighters being sold in their states that resemble toys and other objects that children find attractive; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Association of State Fire Marshals acknowledges that there have been fires and burn injuries resulting from children playing with so-called “novelty lighters” that resemble toys and other attractive objects; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Fire Administration established an operational objective to reduce the loss of life from fire in the age group 14 years old and younger; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has a strategic goal to reduce the rate of death from fire-related causes by 20 percent from 1998 to 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission requires certain lighters to be child resistant, but not all lighters that children consider attractive are covered under these requirements; and
- WHEREAS,** The European Union recently required all cigarette lighters to be child-resistant, but at the same time recognized that novelty lighters have an inherently higher risk of misuse by children, and thus prohibited the sale of novelty lighters in the European Union as of March 11, 2007.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** The National Association of State Fire Marshals encourages the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to follow the European Union in banning the sale and use of novelty lighters that appeal to children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The National Association of State Fire Marshals encourages all fire service organizations and allied safety organizations to support this resolution to reduce the risk to life safety of our children.

This resolution was adopted by the membership assembled at the Association's Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on July 11, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Dean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent and stylized.

John C. Dean, President, NASFM