

**GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees**

**TOBACCO PRODUCT, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE
AND BETEL NUT-FREE CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, tobacco is a legally available consumer product which kills people when used entirely as intended; and

WHEREAS, second-hand smoke contains poisonous chemicals such as arsenic, hydrogen cyanide, ammonia, and carbon monoxide; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen, a substance known to cause cancer in humans, and the EPA does not recognize a safe level of exposure to Group A carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, indisputable scientific evidence exists that links tobacco use and exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke to pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of Guam's people who smoke is one of the highest of all U.S. states and territories; and

WHEREAS, smoking rates among Guam adults continue to increase despite the fact that over half of the current smokers have recently attempted to quit; and

WHEREAS, Guam Public Law 34-01, the Youth Protection Act of 2017, clarifies the definition of electronic cigarettes (also known as "vapes"), and raising the minimum age of legal access to tobacco products and electronic cigarettes/vapes to twenty-one (21) years; and

WHEREAS, Guam Public Law 35-47, amends the Natasha Perez Protection Act of 2005, which prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places and within twenty (20) feet of the entrance or exit of enclosed public places; and

WHEREAS, Guam Community College is committed to promoting the health, wellness and social well-being of its students, staff, faculty and the people of Guam and the Western Pacific; and

WHEREAS, betel nut and tobacco products, when chewed and expectorated, represent a significant health hazard by increasing the opportunity for exposure to various communicable diseases through saliva and air borne contaminants; and

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WHEREAS, the use of any electronic cigarette (e-cigs/vapes) devices are prohibited on campus; and

WHEREAS, GCC recognizes the impact the use of these products has on users, and in line with the actions taken by elected leaders, prohibits its use of these products on campus and other College related activities; and

WHEREAS, GCC desires to set a good public example as a responsible, health conscious public institution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the ban of tobacco products, electronic cigarette (e-cigs/vapes) devices, and the use of betel nut on the GCC campus.

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