

A Resolution By the
South Carolina Joint Council of Fire Service Associations
To
Ban the Sale and Distribution of Novelty Lighters

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WHEREAS, youth fire setting has been identified as a fast growing fire threat in South Carolina and the United States; and

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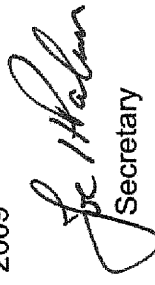
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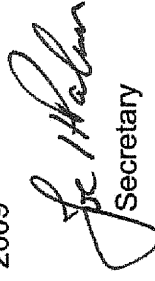
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