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Resolution No. **081-19**

WHEREAS, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council, pursuant to Article III, Section I of the Tribal Constitution approved November 30, 1984, by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Indian Affairs, is empowered to exercise all legislative and executive authority not specifically vested in the General Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have the highest cigarette smoking rate of all ethnic and racial groups; and

WHEREAS, due to the high prevalence of cigarette smoking and other commercial tobacco use, Native Americans also have a higher risk of tobacco related disease and death; and

WHEREAS, our Native women are the most negatively impacted by cigarette and commercial tobacco use; and

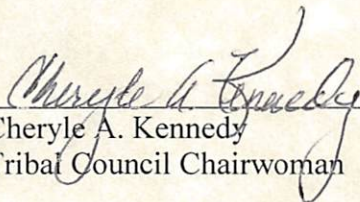
WHEREAS, the Oregon legislature has proposed House Bill 2270 which will increase tax on cigarette distribution, expand the definition of tobacco products to include e-cigarettes, and appropriate certain revenue to fund the Oregon Health Plan and to provide funds for prevention and cessation programs specifically for tribes and communities of color; and


WHEREAS, the Tribe believes that House Bill 2270 will benefit and enhance the Tribe's efforts in commercial tobacco use prevention and cessation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to show support for House Bill 2270 and the Oregon lawmakers in their efforts to improve the health of tribal people and all Oregonians.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby supports Oregon House Bill 2270 and encourages the Oregon legislature and Governor Kate Brown to pass this legislation.

CERTIFICATION: the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon adopted this resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting, with a quorum present as required by the Grand Ronde Constitution, held on **April 03, 2019** by a vote of **6** yes, **0** no, and **0** abstentions.


Cheryl A. Kennedy
Tribal Council Chairwoman


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Tribal Council Vice-Chair