



KANSAS HOSPITALS ARE TOBACCO-FREE PLEDGE 2020

- Whereas:** _____ has a mission to provide care to improve the health and wellbeing of our patients and our community;
- Whereas:** Tobacco is the cause of death for 4,400 Kansans every year; and is the root cause of many illnesses and lost productivity;
- Whereas:** \$1.12 billion in annual health care costs in Kansas is directly caused by tobacco use;
- Whereas:** The state of Kansas currently prohibits smoking in medical care facilities licensed in Kansas;
- Whereas:** Tobacco use in and around _____ poses health and safety risks for hospital patients, employees, health care providers and visitors;
- Whereas:** The Kansas Hospital Association is continuing to encourage all hospitals in Kansas to adopt and implement tobacco-free policies covering their buildings and properties; and,
- Whereas:** Hospitals and medical staff across the state of Kansas are pledging to adopt and implement “*Kansas Hospitals Are Tobacco-Free*” policies and procedures;

Please select one:

Therefore, be it resolved that the board, medical staff and administration of _____ have adopted and implemented a Tobacco-Free Policy to actively promote a safe and healthy environment for our patients and community since _____.

Therefore, be it resolved that the board, medical staff and administration of _____ plan to adopt and implement a Tobacco-Free Policy to actively promote a safe and healthy environment for our patients and community by _____.

Board Chairman Date

Chief of Medical Staff Date

Chief Executive Officer Date

Please return a signed copy of this pledge to: Cindy Samuelson, KHA, at csamuelson@kha-net.org.