

## American Council on Alcohol Problems

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### **Resolution of Concern Dealing with Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs**

**Whereas**, there is increasing evidence of the disastrous mental, spiritual, physical and psychological effects of the use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco, prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs and illegal drugs upon the user and abuser; and

**Whereas**, the abuse of such substances contributes measurably to the ruin of society by lessened productivity in the work-place, heightened violence in the home and elsewhere, family dysfunction, sexual abuse, highway accidents and other tragic consequences; and

**Whereas**, such abuse, including any inappropriate use of or dependency upon alcohol, tobacco and drugs is contrary to the letter and spirit of Scripture;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the American Council on Addiction and Alcohol Problems strongly advocates total abstinence from alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and that we furthermore examine over-use of prescription and non-prescription medications for evidence of abuse or dependency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we take these steps, not to foster nor advertise a false piety before people, but as a socially appropriate and responsible choice within the liberty we have as a Christian citizen and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we use all available resources to educate the children, young people and peers of America concerning the dangers of using alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we learn from and become fellow workers with those agencies within our communities which are effectively combating alcohol and drug use and assisting its victims and;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we implore our fellow citizens to oppose the growing intrusive presence in our public life of alcohol and other drug use and to insist on the enforcement of the laws which regulate these destructive elements and protest against those who profit by its use and abuse.