## **LLTC Commercial Tobacco Free Policy**

**Definitions:** Commercial tobacco is defined as tobacco products such as cigarettes and not the sacred and indigenous uses of tobacco practiced by Native American communities. This Tobacco Free Policy will in no way prohibit the use of traditional/ceremonial/sacred use of tobacco or infringe in any manner on any tobacco cultivation or harvesting for spiritual and ceremonial use.



**Purpose:** The Leech Lake Tribal College provides quality higher education grounded in Anishinaabe values. We are devoted in providing our students with the skills to promote well-being and for themselves and their families through providing students, employees and the community with a safe and healthy environment, in conformance with the intent of Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act and National Congress of American Indians Resolution # TUL-05-101/resolution 74-05. Knowing that smoking has a significant negative impact on the health and wellbeing of smokers and non-smokers alike, this policy is designed to include all commercial tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes.

**Policy:** Commercial Tobacco/smokeless tobacco and electronic cigarettes usage is prohibited on all campus properties including all buildings, college vehicles, parking lots, walking trail, and garages.

**Policy Implementation:** This policy will be effective the start of fall term 2014 August 18th.

**Policy Enforcement:** Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students as well as campus visitors helping us care for the land and people by promoting a clean, safe, healthy environment in which to work, study, and live. The college will give short trainings at orientations and other training opportunities designed to assist and prepare students and staff to help one another comply with the policy.

The enforcement strategy is through peer encouragement, with the goal of changing the well-being of our community over time.

In the event of a violation, the person will be informed of the LLTC Tobacco Free campus policy. Should the individual continue to violate the policy, a report will be made by security through the use of a tobacco use grievance form to the appropriate office.