

Resolution for the Regulation of Marijuana

Whereas, marijuana use and abuse are serious concerns, with physical, mental, and spiritual health implications; and,

Whereas, marijuana use and abuse should be addressed primarily by medical and mental health professionals, educators, families, and religious communities, with the role of the criminal justice system limited to instances in which a marijuana user's behavior threatens the health and safety of others; and,

Whereas, the current punitive approach has not reduced marijuana abuse or related harms, but has instead resulted in excessive and unjust punishments, widespread disregard for the rule of law, and an out-of-control distribution system run by dangerous criminals intent on spreading its use to youth and other vulnerable segments of the population; therefore,

Be it resolved:

(1) Adults should not be arrested or incarcerated for consuming marijuana, and adults who consume marijuana should be permitted to obtain it from a legally regulated market, rather than from the criminal market; and

(2) Actions that endanger or harm others, such as driving while under the influence of marijuana, should remain crimes. In particular, providing marijuana to minors should continue to be criminalized.

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I am signing this resolution: as an individual on behalf of my organization