

RESOLUTION NO. 16-12

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LEE'S SUMMIT CARES IN THEIR MISSION TO REDUCE MARIJUANA RELATED PROBLEMS.

WHEREAS, Long-term marijuana abuse can lead to addiction. In 2013, there were 7,987 drug treatment admissions with marijuana identified as the "primary drug" abused. 91% of people using publicly-funded treatment services for marijuana were 18 and under at age of first use; and,

WHEREAS, Current research has demonstrated the earlier marijuana use begins, the more likely the user will become dependent on it or other types of drugs later in life. Regular marijuana users have a 40% chance of becoming addicted; and,

WHEREAS, The age of first marijuana use in Missouri is 13.88 years and nationally it is 13.94 years; and,

WHEREAS, 16% of the Missouri youth that reported marijuana use were daily users; and,

WHEREAS, Marijuana impairs the brain's effectiveness, ability to concentrate, coordination and ability to retain information by changing the way sensory information reaches and is processed by the brain. Compared to non-smoking peers, students who smoke marijuana tend to get lower grades and are more likely to drop out of high school. Students who use marijuana before age 15 are three times more likely to have left school by age 16; and,

WHEREAS, in Colorado from 2006-2011, traffic fatalities involving drivers testing positive for just marijuana increased 114%. Colorado began a medical marijuana program from 2000-2009, with expanded medical use from 2009-present and fully legalized in 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Federal excise taxes collected on alcohol in 2007 totaled around \$9 billion; states collected around \$5.5 billion. Combined, these amounts are less than 10 percent of the estimated \$185 billion in alcohol-related costs to health care, criminal justice, and the workplace in lost productivity. It's estimated that taxing marijuana would produce the same gap in tax revenue vs. marijuana related costs (health care, criminal justice, workplace, etc); and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri is against the legalization of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes outside of the FDA process:

SECTION 2. That the City of Lee's Summit will:

- A. Educate the general public of its endorsement of this Resolution.
- B. Educate the Governor and members of the state legislature of its endorsement of this Resolution, to the extent permitted by law, and urge the general public to do the same.

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PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor *Randall L. Rhoads*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Denise R. Chisum*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*