**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA INITIATIVE (AUMA) –**

**LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, we are committed to the success and positive future of our community’s youth, and to the health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, a ballot measure titled the “Adult Use of Marijuana” to legalize recreational marijuana in California will be on the November 2016 General Election ballot, and

WHEREAS, the initiative allows for the indoor growing of up to six marijuana plants per residence which is not subject to any local jurisdictional restrictions or regulations; and

WHEREAS, analysis of the “Adult Use of Marijuana” initiative by the San Diego District Attorney’s office shows, “The initiative allows persons convicted of dealing large amounts of controlled substances such as heroin (up to 20,000 individual doses), methamphetamine (up to 10,000 individual doses) to become legal marijuana dealers; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use is harmful to the adolescent brain, affecting the parts of the brain that influence pleasure, memory, thinking, concentration, sensory and time perception, and coordinated movement1; and

WHEREAS, the analysis further notes that the initiative permits convicted felony drug dealers who have used children to courier drugs to an adult buyer to be eligible to apply for a California marijuana license; and

WHEREAS, there are no provisions in the initiative to prevent advertising and marketing to children and teens near parks, community centers, child-focused businesses, and community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the HIDTA statistics for marijuana use in Colorado teens ages 12-17 are 74% above the national average2; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife notes that a single marijuana plant requires six gallons of water per day in a state that is currently battling a drought; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, where recreational marijuana is legal and commercialized, marijuana-related traffic deaths increased 92% from 2010 to 2014 while all traffic deaths increased only 8% during the same time period; and

WHEREAS, in Colorado, marijuana related hospitalizations have skyrocketed from 575/100,000 to 2413/100,000 since legalization, and Emergency Room visits from 739/100,000 to 956/100,000 from 2010 to 20152; and

WHEREAS, a study released in May 2016 by AAA Foundation for Traffic Research found that fatal crashes involving drivers who recently used marijuana doubled in Washington after the state legalized the drug.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose the “Adult Use of Marijuana” California ballot measure to legalize recreational marijuana.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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