



YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

“Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health”

OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURE NO. 2

Resolution No.: 14-08-02

A Resolution of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation Executive Board Opposing Ballot Measure No. 2, “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana”

- WHEREAS:** The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation’s (YKHC) mission is “Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health”, and YKHC is fully committed to the development of culturally relevant programs for primary care, prevention, and health promotion in a setting that fosters Native self-determination in the control and management of health care delivery; and
- WHEREAS:** The health of all persons living in the YK Delta is a serious concern for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation; and
- WHEREAS:** The Alaska General Election, November 4, 2014 contains Ballot Measure No. 2, “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana” on the statewide ballot; and
- WHEREAS:** The Ballot Measure No. 2 would, in part, tax and regulate the production, sale and use of marijuana in Alaska and make the use of marijuana legal for persons 21 years of age or older; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a great likelihood that if persons over 21 are legally permitted to purchase, grow, possess and use marijuana, that underage minors will have greater access to this drug and use by minors will increase; and
- WHEREAS:** There are significant scientific findings from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a Division of the National Institutes of Health that report health, social and academic risks resulting from teen marijuana use; and
- WHEREAS:** The National Institute on Drug Abuse cites enhanced risks of injury to individuals who use both alcohol and marijuana at the same time; and
- WHEREAS:** The possible health consequences of secondhand marijuana smoke, the long-term impact of prenatal marijuana exposure, the addictive potential for marijuana use are contrary to YKHC’s mission of “Working Together to Achieve Excellent Health”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation hereby asserts that it is **against** passage of the Ballot Measure No. 2, “An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana” in the Alaska General Election of November 4, 2014.




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Certification

Duly adopted at the meeting of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporations' Executive Board, a quorum being present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 absent, this 21st day of August, 2014.

Signed: 
Esai Twitchell, First Vice Chair
YKHC Board of Directors

Signed: 
Patrick Tall, Secretary
YKHC Board of Directors