

Atmautluak Traditional Council
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Resolution No. 14-09-36

RE: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BALLOT MEASURE 2.

WHEREAS, the Atmautluak Traditional Council is the Tribal Governing body for the Federally recognized Tribe: Village of Atmautluak; and

WHEREAS, the Atmautluak Traditional Council represents the interests of the Tribal members of Atmautluak; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 would legalize, commercialize, and industrialize recreational marijuana in the State of Alaska for adults 21 and over;

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 as written includes the legalization of all forms of marijuana, including potent and dangerous chemical concentrates (such as butane hash oil, shatter and earwax) and drug-infused edibles (such as gummy bears, ice cream bars, and lollipops) that appeal to children;

WHEREAS, the use of marijuana has been found to have negative physical, mental, behavioral, educational, social, and health consequences on children, youth and adults;

WHEREAS, we care about the health and safety of our communities and villages, and want the best for our children and youth;

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana is predicted to produce significant net economic costs to villages, municipalities and cities in the areas of public safety, emergency services and other health and social services;

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 provides that regardless of community or village preferences, the possession, using, displaying, purchasing or transporting of “marijuana (including marijuana concentrates and edibles) into the village “shall not” be an offense (Sec. 17.28.020(a)); and possessing, growing, processing or transporting up to 6 marijuana plants “shall not” be an offense (Sec. 17.38,020(b)), thereby precluding the local option ability of communities and villages to decide to be “dry” on marijuana, marijuana concentrates or marijuana infused edibles.

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 ignores the significant problems that have been created by the legalization of recreational marijuana in other states, including public health hazards such as butane hash oil explosions and deaths from edibles;

WHEREAS, the use and delivery of marijuana is still a violation of federal law under the Controlled Substances Act;

WHEREAS, the initiative can be anticipated to result in increased costs to local municipalities and villages associated with regulation;


WHEREAS, this initiative would result in extensive advertising of marijuana, marijuana concentrates, marijuana edibles and marijuana accessories (such as vape pens);

WHEREAS, this initiative is not in the best interest of our children or future generations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Atmautluak Native Community opposes the passage of the initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Alaska and urges voters to defeat ballot measure 2.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Atmautluak Traditional Council at a duly called meeting by a vote of 7 For, and 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining on the 11th day of September, 2014.

 
Moses A. Pavilla Sr. -President Christopher Nikolai - Secretary