

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly opposing the passage of the initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Alaska and urging voters to defeat ballot measure 2.

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

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

WHEREAS, the use of marijuana has been found to have negative physical, mental, behavioral and social health consequences and is associated with diseases of the heart, brain, lungs, and vascular system; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana is predicted to produce significant net economic costs to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 is an extreme measure that would legalize not only marijuana but also potent and dangerous chemical concentrates and drug-infused edibles that appeal to children; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 will have negative impacts on our workforce, workforce safety, and employability; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 is a harmful measure that ignores the severe problems that have been created by the legalization of recreational marijuana in other states, including public health hazards such as hash oil explosions, increases in driving under the influence, and deaths from edibles; and

WHEREAS, the commercialization and industrialization of marijuana will involve Outside interests seeking to aggressively market to and profit on Alaskans, including young people; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would result in extensive advertising of marijuana, marijuana concentrates (such as Butane Hash Oil, Shatter, and Earwax) and marijuana accessories in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, our community supports the health and well-being of our adults and children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly opposes the passage of the initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Alaska and urges voters to defeat ballot measure 2.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 26th day of August, 2014.

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Stephanie Scott, Mayor