

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-2568**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF THE INITIATIVE TO LEGALIZE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN ALASKA AND URGING VOTERS TO DEFEAT BALLOT MEASURE 2; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**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 Substance 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 long term 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 THC concentrates (such as Butane Hash Oil, Shatter and Earwax) 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 explosions from the process of making THC concentrates, increases in driving under the influence and deaths from edibles; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative would result in extensive advertising of marijuana, THC concentrates, marijuana edibles and marijuana paraphilia in the City of Ketchikan and Ketchikan Gateway Borough; and

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

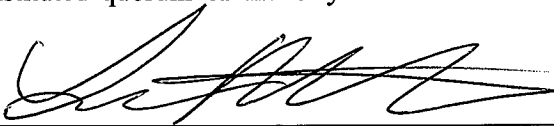
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, opposes the passage of the initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in the State of Alaska.

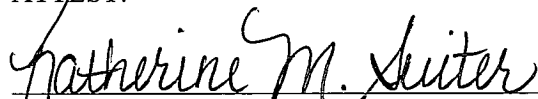
**Section 2:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska urges voters to defeat ballot measure 2.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

  
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Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Katherine M. Suiter, City Clerk