

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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RESOLUTION #2018-13
RESOLUTIONAL OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION
OF MARIJUANA FOR GENERAL USE

(This resolution does not relate to the use of marijuana approved for medical purposes in compliance with current state law)

WHEREAS, proposals to legalize the general use of marijuana are being placed on the ballot across Michigan; and

WHEREAS, general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by federal and state law; and

WHEREAS, *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that 1 in 6 teens that use marijuana become addicted to its use; and Marijuana is now the number one reason kids enter treatment for substance abuse—more than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, meth, ecstasy, and other drugs combined; and

WHEREAS, *Monitoring the Future, 2017* report's that marijuana use increased to 24% among adolescents in 8th, 10th and 12th grades combined and one in ten 12th grade students vaped marijuana in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Colorado, Denver reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen 114% in Colorado since that state legalized the use of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, increased consumption of Marijuana would likely lead to higher public health and financial costs for society. Addictive substances like alcohol and tobacco already result in much higher social costs than the revenue they generate. The cost to society of alcohol alone is estimated to be more than 15 times the revenue gained by their taxation; and

WHEREAS, emergency room admissions for Marijuana use now exceed those for heroin and are continuing to rise; the link between suicide and Marijuana is strong; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the legalization of marijuana for general use; and, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Alger County is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for general use; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Alger County encourages other communities to oppose the legalization of marijuana for general use including the adoption of similar resolutions in opposition to the legalization of non-medical marijuana.

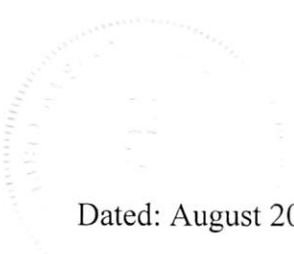
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Alger County Board of Commissioners at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Froberg, Alger County Clerk



Dated: August 20, 2018