

**Resolution No. 16-0316**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF, AND ENCOURAGING THE IOWA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD LEGALIZE THE USE OF CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE BEING TREATED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN**

**WHEREAS**, medical cannabis is currently legal in 23 states and Washington DC; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a significant and growing amount of evidence that cannabis is beneficial to individuals suffering from many chronic and debilitating conditions including cancer, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, glaucoma, intractable pain, Crohn's disease, ALS, intractable epilepsy, PTSD, and terminal illness; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Nurses Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, Lymphoma Foundation of America, American Preventive Medical Association, American Public Health Association, Epilepsy Foundation, and the New England Journal of Medicine have endorsed the medical use of Cannabis; and

**WHEREAS**, A recent Selzer & Co. Poll indicated that seventy-eight percent of Iowans would support legislation allowing people with serious illnesses to use cannabis for medical purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Senate passed Senate File 484, Medical Cannabis Act in the 2015 legislative session with bi-partisan support and the Iowa House is currently considering House File 2384, Medical Cannabidiol Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has provided a safe-harbor, prohibiting the Department of Justice from prohibiting states from implementing their own state medical cannabis laws; and

**WHEREAS**, medical cannabis, when recommended by a treating physician, may be the best alternative for some individuals living with chronic and debilitating conditions and a physician should be allowed to direct the care and explore all potential treatment options including medical cannabis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has a vested interest in ensuring that the citizens of Windsor Heights have access to all viable medical options that could help alleviate symptoms associated with chronic, painful, or terminal diseases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Windsor Heights, Iowa, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016, that the City Council and Mayor hereby encourage the Iowa State Legislature to take immediate action to approve Comprehensive Medical Cannabis legislation, in order to ensure our City and State residents are receiving the most effective medical therapies possible, which includes the use of medical cannabis.

Passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Diana Willits, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brett Klein, City Administrator