

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1001

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution opposing the legalization or
8 decriminalization of marijuana for medical or
9 recreational use in the State of Oklahoma.

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11 WHEREAS, marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the
12 United States, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
13 Services Administration; and

14 WHEREAS, marijuana use among teens is thought to be more
15 widespread than alcohol use according to the National Institute on
16 Drug Abuse; and

17 WHEREAS, surveys reflect that approximately twenty-one percent
18 (21%) of high school seniors have used marijuana in the past thirty
19 (30) days and nineteen percent (19%) smoked cigarettes according to
20 the National Institute on Drug Abuse; and

21 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that
22 approximately one in six people who start using marijuana as a teen
23 become addicted and twenty-five to fifty percent (25-50%) of those
24 who use marijuana every day become addicted; and

1 WHEREAS, marijuana is the most common illegal drug found in
2 drivers who die in automobile accidents according to the National
3 Institute on Drug Abuse; and

4 WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reports that
5 according to the latest treatment data, marijuana accounts for
6 seventeen percent (17%) of admissions to treatment facilities in the
7 United States which is second only to opiates among illicit
8 substances; and

9 WHEREAS, states that have passed medical marijuana legislation
10 have seen teenage marijuana use increase by as much as thirty-three
11 percent (33%) according to the National Household Survey on Drug
12 Abuse; and

13 WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies in states that have legalized
14 marijuana for medicinal use report widespread fraud and abuse by
15 businesses that sell medical marijuana; and

16 WHEREAS, states that have legalized marijuana for recreational
17 use are in direct violation of federal law and conflict with the
18 laws of neighboring states; and

19 WHEREAS, recreational and medical marijuana users from Colorado
20 are frequently arrested for transporting marijuana into Oklahoma and
21 will continue to be arrested by law enforcement if caught
22 transporting the substance into Oklahoma.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature opposes any efforts to legalize or
5 decriminalize marijuana because experts agree and recent history has
6 shown that such laws lead to an increase in drug use, an increase in
7 opportunities for crime through fraud and abuse by businesses that
8 sell marijuana, and sends a message to our youth that smoking
9 marijuana is medicinal and thus, not harmful.

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