

LANGLADE COUNTY



RESOLUTION #27-2018

INTRODUCED BY: EXECUTIVE, BOARD OF HEALTH and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES

INTENT: ADVISORY REFERENDUM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association supports additional research and education on the medical use of marijuana or pharmacologically active cannabinoids and, although clinical responses to cannabinoids vary, potential positive outcomes include reduction in pain sensation, antispasticity, increased appetite, and reduction in nausea; and

WHEREAS, statistically significant evidence exists supporting cannabis use in patients with neuropathic pain and chronic pain with additional data and professional opinion endorsing its use in multiple sclerosis associated spasticity (Medical Marijuana for Treatment of Chronic Pain and Other Medical and Psychiatric Problems: A Clinical Review. JAMA 2015 Jun); and

WHEREAS, for many individuals who suffer from debilitating conditions such as chronic pain, PTSD, anxiety, insomnia, seizure disorders, etc., medical marijuana represents a therapeutic alternative to more addictive medications, such as opioids, and other types of prescription medications that have more significant, negative and long-lasting side effects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee understands that: marijuana is classified as a schedule 1 substance under the Federal Controlled Substances Act; its manufacture, possession and use in Wisconsin is illegal even for medicinal purposes; and that the AMA opposes legalization of marijuana and endorses warnings emphasizing its dangers for abuse and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the Committee supports an advisory referendum to assist the County Board in developing plans and policies for the well-being of the community, specifically for residents of Langlade County who may suffer from conditions for which medical marijuana may have a therapeutic value; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors hereby places the following advisory referendum on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 Election:

"Should the State of Wisconsin allow individuals with debilitating medical conditions to use and safely access marijuana for medical purposes, if those individuals have a written recommendation from a licensed Wisconsin physician?"

A "yes" vote indicates that you agree.

A "no" vote indicates that you disagree.

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FISCAL NOTE: no fiscal impact

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LANGLADE COUNTY THIS 21ST DAY OF August, 2018.

Judy Nagel, Langlade County Clerk