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3 **RESOLUTION No. 512-19**

4 **Opposition to the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana in Wisconsin**

5 WHEREAS, developing brains, especially those of babies in utero, children and
6 teenagers are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of marijuana. Although
7 scientists are still learning about the effects of marijuana on the developing brain,
8 studies show that marijuana use by mothers during pregnancy may be linked to
9 problems with attention, memory, problem-solving skills, and behavior problems in
10 their children; and

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12 WHEREAS, occasional use of marijuana has been shown to cause altered
13 senses and altered sense of time, changes in mood, impaired body movement,
14 impaired memory and difficulty with thinking and problem solving; and

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16 WHEREAS, research has shown that marijuana's negative effects on
17 attention, memory, and learning can last for days or weeks after the acute effects of
18 the drug wear off, depending on the person's history with the drug; and

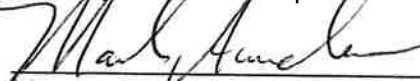
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20 WHEREAS, several studies have linked marijuana use to increased risk for
21 psychiatric disorders, including psychosis, depression, anxiety, and substance use
22 disorders, but whether and to what extent it actually causes these conditions is not
23 always easy to determine; and


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25 WHEREAS, legal marijuana substantially increases the risk of impairment for
26 those working in the manufacturing, construction, agriculture and other business
27 sectors, as evidenced by data showing employees who test positive for marijuana use
28 had 55% more industrial accidents, 85% more injuries and 75% greater absenteeism
29 compared to those who tested negative.

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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marinette County Board of
32 Supervisors opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana in the State of
33 Wisconsin.

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marinette County Board of Supervisors
36 directs the County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Tony Evers,
37 Department of Children and Families Secretary Emillie Amundson, Department of
38 Health Services Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm, area legislators, and the
39 Wisconsin Counties Association.

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41 Approved this 28th day of May 2019 by a majority of a quorum of the Marinette
42 County Board of Supervisors.

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45 Mark Anderson, Chairperson

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48 Kathy Brandt, Clerk

49 Submitted by: County Board April 16, 2019