



RESOLUTION NO. 174-2016

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO OPPOSING PROPOSITION 64, MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION INITIATIVE STATUTE

WHEREAS, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative statute, also known as Proposition 64 has been placed on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 would legalize marijuana use under state law by adults 21 or older; and

WHEREAS, The California State Sheriffs' Association has issued a Position Statement opposing efforts to legalize recreational Marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics has reaffirmed its opposition to legalization of marijuana citing the potential harm to children and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana remains a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act and is defined as having a high potential for abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that marijuana use and secondhand exposure pose health risks, including increased risk for cancer, heart attack, stroke, reproductive toxicity, respiratory impairment, long-lasting detrimental changes in brain function, and increased risk for addiction; and

WHEREAS, legalization of marijuana in Colorado, Washington and Oregon has led to more motorists driving under the influence and Colorado has seen a significant increase in fatalities arising from driving under the influence of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, Statistics from the National Institute on Drug Abuse show that marijuana reduces motor coordination and slows reaction time; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of Marijuana will increase accessibility of Marijuana to adolescents; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area reports since the legalization of marijuana in Colorado in 2013, there has been a significant increase in the past month Marijuana use by youths, ages 12 to 17; and

WHEREAS, the human brain is still developing through the teen years, but the full effects of marijuana use on teenagers' short and long term health are still unknown; and

WHEREAS, California has in place laws allowing the compassionate use of Marijuana for those with specified medical conditions making Proposition 64 a non-urgent proposal requiring further study and analysis to determine the full consequences of the legalization of recreational marijuana use in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of El Dorado County Board of Supervisors opposes the passage of Proposition 64, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative Statute.

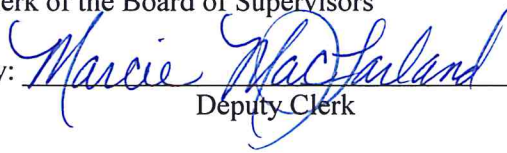
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 11th day of October, 2016, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:


Deputy Clerk

Ayes: Veerkamp, Ranalli, Mikulaco, Frentzen, Novasel

Noes: None

Absent: None


Ron Mikulaco, Chair, Board of Supervisors