

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. _____ R 185-17

A RESOLUTION

expressing support for legislation providing legal access to cannabis as a medicine together with the cultivation of cannabis for medical purposes; endorsing the Missouri Medical Marijuana Initiative.

WHEREAS, the issue of providing legal access to cannabis as a medicine for patients with a doctor's approval is a legislative issue which the City Council desires for its representatives in the Missouri General Assembly to focus upon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support and request its representatives in the Missouri General Assembly to advocate for legislation which will provide such legal access and which also provides for the option for patients, with a doctor's approval, to cultivate their own supply of cannabis for medical purposes consistent with reasonable regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial and growing body of scientific and medical evidence which demonstrates that legal access to marijuana as medicine with a doctor's supervision dramatically reduces death from opioid overdose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbia, Missouri, hereby expresses its support for legislation which will provide legal access to cannabis as a medicine and which also provides for the option for patients, with a doctor's approval, to cultivate their own supply of cannabis for medical purposes consistent with reasonable regulations.

SECTION 2. The City Council, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbia, Missouri, hereby endorses the Missouri Medical Marijuana Initiative sponsored by the New Approach Missouri Campaign Committee and recommends that Missourians vote in favor of that Initiative, Secretary of State No. 2018-054, when it appears on the ballot in November of 2018.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor