



TOWN OF COLCHESTER
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**RESOLUTION OF THE COLCHESTER SELECTBOARD
IN OPPOSITION TO LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN VERMONT**

WHEREAS, The Vermont Legislature is considering legalization of marijuana and the Governor of the State of Vermont is strongly in favor of legalizing marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Colchester has numerous reservations regarding the legalization of marijuana which include, but not limited to the following:

- Police chiefs, sheriffs and other law enforcement officials, as well as school boards and education leaders across the State strongly oppose legalization of marijuana and the State of Vermont has been declared in the midst of an opiate abuse crisis by the Governor; and
- Legalization of marijuana may result in an increased number of impaired drivers on our roadways and currently there is no roadside test for marijuana impairment for operators of motor vehicles who are driving erratically; and
- Cannabis users do poorly in school and regular users suffer from decreased intellectual development, according to a 20 year study conducted by Professor Wayne Hall in London, England and we want to protect our youth; and
- Vermont markets itself as a wholesome vacation destination known for maple syrup, ski and outdoor destinations, Lake Champlain, and other attractions; and marijuana tourism is not compatible with this image; and
- Prior to moving forward the State of Vermont would be well served by waiting and watching the intermediate and long term impacts on states that have legalized marijuana; **NOW THEREFORE;**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Selectboard of the Town of Colchester, Vermont requests that the members of the Vermont Legislature vote "NO" to any legislation in the 2016 legislative session that would legalize marijuana or other forms of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in our State.

**ADOPTED THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016,
BY THE COLCHESTER SELECTBOARD**

Nadine Sebek, Chair

Herbert Downing, Vice Chair

Thomas Mulcahy, Clerk

Marc Landry

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