

RESOLUTION NO. 1867

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF ARIZONA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE THE RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA IN ARIZONA; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, MATFORCE (the Yavapai County Substance Abuse Coalition) is committed to the success and positive future of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Marijuana, like cigarettes, is addictive;ⁱ and

WHEREAS, teen use of Marijuana has been on the rise in Arizona since 2007;ⁱⁱ and

WHEREAS, Marijuana use is harmful to the adolescent brain, affecting the parts of the brain that influence pleasure, memory, thinking, concentration, sensory and time perception, and coordinated movement;ⁱⁱⁱ and

WHEREAS, teens who smoke Marijuana regularly can see an 8 point drop in IQ by the time they reach age 38 (putting a person of average intelligence into the lowest third of the IQ range);^{iv} and

WHEREAS, Marijuana use can lead to high school dropout and failure in college;^v and

WHEREAS, teens who use Marijuana heavily are more likely to develop mental illness such as schizophrenia;^{vi} and

WHEREAS, Marijuana use reduces inhibitions and can lead to risky behaviors, distorted perception, impaired coordination, and can cause difficulty with thinking, problem-solving and difficulty with learning and memory;^{vii} and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Arizona Youth Survey,^{viii}

- 2012 was the first time in Arizona's history that past 30-day use of Marijuana by teens surpassed their use of cigarettes; and
- Arizona's teens are getting younger for first use of Marijuana; and
- The perception of Marijuana's risks by Arizona's youth, both users and non-users of Marijuana, is decreasing and their use is increasing; and

WHEREAS, if Marijuana recreational use were legalized an additional 32,000 high school students in Arizona would be more likely to use Marijuana.^{ix}

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona that:

1. The Council is on record that it opposes the legalization of Marijuana for recreational use; and
2. That the Council supports public education on the harms of Marijuana and proven prevention interventions such as community-based drug prevention efforts, drug treatment

courts, offender re-entry programs, and probation reform; and further supports making drug treatment available to all who need it.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, this 27th day of February, 2014.

By: _____
Harvey C. Skoog, Mayor, Prescott Valley

ATTEST:

Diane Russell, Town Clerk, Prescott Valley

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ivan Legler, Town Attorney, Prescott Valley

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- ^{ix} The Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS): Teens and Parents, 2012; ACJC Arizona Youth Survey, 2012.