

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283428

ADOPTED ON FEB 22 1994

WHEREAS, significant scientific and medical studies by the National Academy of Science have shown marijuana is safe for use under medical supervision and that the cannabis plant, in its natural form, has important therapeutic actions that are often of critical medical importance to persons afflicted with a variety of life and sense threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS, courts have recognized the medical value in marijuana in treatment and have ruled that marijuana can be a drug of "necessity" in the treatment of glaucoma, cancer, AIDS, and multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, most physicians surveyed said that they would prescribe cannabis/marijuana if legally available; and

WHEREAS, the people of The City of San Diego believe that well trained medical professionals rather than remote federal bureaucrats should be responsible for determining a patient's routine of medical care; and

WHEREAS, seriously ill San Diegans and other Americans are unnecessarily suffering because of federal policies which legally prohibit marijuana's legitimate medical use; and

WHEREAS, these problems are not particular to The City of San Diego but generally affect the citizens of all cities adversely; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego,

that this Council memorializes the President and the United States Congress to end federal prohibitions against marijuana's legitimate medical use by creating a rational system of prescriptive medical access to marijuana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Vice President, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Attorney General, and the members of the San Diego Congressional Delegation.

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