

IN THE SENATE

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 101

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
3 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DEL-  
5 EGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
6 STATES.

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and the House of Representatives of  
8 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second  
9 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

10 WHEREAS, marijuana is a schedule I drug as classified by the Controlled  
11 Substances Act and is an addictive substance which poses great risks to pub-  
12 lic health and safety; and

13 WHEREAS, marijuana use and addiction are the number one reason that  
14 children are admitted to substance abuse treatment facilities and it is the  
15 number two reason that adults are admitted for treatment; and

16 WHEREAS, that legalizing this substance is a threat to all states and  
17 citizens, not just to the few states that have opted to violate federal law;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, virtually all Idahoans have experienced the negative impacts  
20 of marijuana use and abuse on our roads, workplaces, classrooms, emergency  
21 rooms and many other areas of our lives; and

22 WHEREAS, by not taking action against efforts to legalize marijuana, we  
23 are creating one more costly social problem in Idaho and America during a  
24 time when our state and nation cannot afford such consequences; and

25 WHEREAS, the possession, sale and distribution of marijuana are against  
26 federal law; and

27 WHEREAS, it is also a violation of federal law for employees of a state  
28 to be tasked with the establishment, administration and regulation of mari-  
29 juana businesses and enterprises.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
31 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-  
32 resentatives concurring therein, that the Legislature calls upon the Pres-  
33 ident of the United States, the Director of the United States Department of  
34 Justice and Congress to take appropriate action to ensure that federal drug-  
35 free policy is upheld in all states.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be, and she is  
37 hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Memorial to the  
38 President of the United States, the Director of the United States Department  
39 of Justice, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
40 sentatives of Congress, and the congressional delegation representing the  
41 State of Idaho in the Congress of the United States.