**Title:**Marijuana Legalization Resolution

***Whereas,***Governor of Wisconsin, Tony Evers, has proposed the legalization of marijuana for medical uses and the decriminalization of marijuana in quantities of 25 grams or less (Wisconsin State Journal);

***Whereas,***marijuana and derivative products have been proven to serve medical purposes, such as alleviating pain, preventing seizures, and treating mental health conditions, among other purposes (National Institute on Drug Abuse);

***Whereas***, marijuana legalization has been found to contribute billions of dollars to local and state economies (Forbes);

***Whereas,***the number of marijuana related arrests in Wisconsin increased by 5% in 2017 (Wisconsin Dept. of Justice);

***Whereas,***marijuana related arrests disproportionately affect people of color, despite no evidence showing increased marijuana usage among these communities (ACLU);

***Whereas,***over 30 states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for medical or recreational use (Governing);

***Whereas,***nearly one million voters in 16 counties approved referenda in support of legalizing marijuana in some form (Wisconsin State Journal);

***Be it therefore resolved,*** we, the U.S.S. of the S.S.A. express our firm support for the marijuana legalization provisions within the budget proposal of Governor Tony Evers.

***Be it therefore further resolved,***copies of this motion and included citations shall be distributed to Governor Tony Evers, Senator Patty Schachtner, Representative Rob Stafsholt, Senator Alberta Darling, Representative John Nygren, and all members of the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance.

**Date acted upon:** Month Day, Year

**Action:** Passed, Denied, Postponed, Etc.

**Vote: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_** (Yeas-Nays-Abstentions)

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