

RESOLUTION R-9-2015

IN OPPOSITION TO MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION (STATE ISSUE 3-2015)

WHEREAS, the residents of the Village of Bolivar will be asked to vote on a statewide ballot proposal to make marijuana legal for recreational and medical use. This proposal will appear on the November ballot as Issue 3; and

WHEREAS, Issue 3 will amend the state constitution and grant ResponsibleOhio, a small group of wealthy investors, the exclusive right to commercially grow, manufacture and sell marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and in so doing create a monopoly within the Ohio Constitution establishing a legal cartel; and

WHEREAS, we believe the legalizing of marijuana for medical use should not be decided by voter initiative but be subject to the same research, consideration, and study as any other potential medicine under the standards of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA); and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana will adversely affect Tuscarawas County workplaces and burden our small businesses by negatively impacting workplace safety and productivity; as well as increasing employer liability and making it more difficult for Tuscarawas County businesses to recruit drug-free employees; and

WHEREAS, the *Tuscarawas County Community Health Status Assessment 2015* revealed that 43% of students (age's 12-18) believe using marijuana leads to increased drug use, 39% believe marijuana is addictive, and, most importantly, **79% OPPOSE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**; and

WHEREAS, we are devoted to supporting and protecting our youth and ensuring families do not have to worry about their children having to contend with increased drug exposure and the consequences thereof that marijuana legalization would bring to Tuscarawas County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Bolivar opposes Issue 3 and affirms our belief that marijuana legalization is not in the best interest of our county. It is bad for our children, schools and businesses. We encourage our residents to consider whether or not our state constitution should be used to ensure the financial gain of a select few. Tuscarawas County deserves better!

DATE PASSED: October 5, 2015

REBECCA S. HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

MARIA A. APP, CLERK/TREASURER