

**DRAFT
RESOLUTION
June 6, 2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
ESTABLISH A FUTURE GENERATIONS FUND AND ALLOCATE TWENTY
PERCENT (20%) OF THE LOCAL CANNABIS TAX FOR LOCAL PREVENTION
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN PRENATAL TO AGE 21**

WHEREAS, in response to Proposition 64, the *Control Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act*, the Children's Health Committee, a subcommittee of Mendocino County's Policy Council on Children and Youth (PCCY), an advisory board to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, identified the impact of cannabis on children's health as a priority for 2016;

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016 the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopted PCCY/Children's Health Committee's Policy Statement on Marijuana and Youth and included it as an addendum to the county's 2016 Legislative Platform. The policy statement recommends a portion of local tax revenue, and a minimum of 20% of statewide tax revenue, be earmarked for local prevention, including the impact of cannabis on pregnant women, on the developing brain and the risks of second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016 California voters approved Proposition 64 to legalize, regulate and tax recreational cannabis and tax medical cannabis effective January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the new law provides that tax revenue will be collected by the state and that local governments are authorized to levy taxes. The law allocates a portion of the state tax revenue to youth programs for drug education, prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016 Mendocino County voters approved Measure AI, placing an annual business tax on cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, dispensing, producing, processing, preparing, storing, providing, donating, testing, selling and distributing; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County voters also approved Measure AJ, a companion advisory measure, for using a portion of the cannabis business tax revenue generated from Measure AI for cannabis enforcement, mental health services, repair of county roads and increased fire and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, our greatest asset is our children and in our county we prioritize investments in our children for improved outcomes over the spectrum of their lives; and

WHEREAS, mental health services range from prevention, early intervention, diagnosis and treatment; and

Creating this dedicated funding stream creates a definitive statement about Mendocino County's commitment to invest in our youngest and most vulnerable citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 20% of local tax revenue generated from cannabis and cannabis-related products, cannabis production, manufacturing and sales, wholesale or retail be earmarked for local prevention programs for children and youth and placed into a newly established Future Generations Fund which is restricted for those purposes. These funds are not to supplant state and local general fund money for any purpose. These funds will be distributed among programs that impact children ages 0-5, age 6-12 and age 13-21. Funded programs may include:

1. public awareness campaigns devoted to the impacts of cannabis on pregnant women, children and youth, including the legal implications of use by youth;
2. activities and programs that promote healthy brain development;
3. programs that support healthy activities for local children and youth; and
4. programs that support overall health and wellness for local children and youth.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2017 to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors