Resolution

Of

The Ohio Municipal League

Urging Ohio voters to not support State Issue 3, the legalization of sales and use of Marijuana

Whereas, State Issue 3 places in the Ohio Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors, giving them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 permits investors to set their own preferential tax rates directly in the Ohio Constitution, rates that cannot be changed by the legislature like those on beer, wine and tobacco; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 puts our children at risk by legalizing marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are highly tempting to children, including very young children; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 proposes to allow 1159 retail marijuana stores and will allow every adult to possess more than half a pound of marijuana, in addition to possessing four marijuana plants at home offering excessive exposure to all residents of Ohio; and

Whereas, State Issue 3 poses severe public safety and workforce competitiveness concerns and will burden social service and drug treatment programs; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Ohio Municipal League Board of Trustees declares its opposition for State Issue 3, and urges Ohio voters to not cast their votes in support of the measure to legalize the sales and use of marijuana.

Attest:

Signature __________________________ Title __________________________ Date October 21, 2015

Jim Bodenmiller, President
Manager, City of Springfield