



Resolution No. 19-01-004
Support medical marijuana use
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**TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Medical Marijuana has been demonstrated to be an effective drug for treatment of certain human ailments; AND

WHEREAS, A total of 33 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico have approved comprehensive public medical marijuana/cannabis programs as a legal and safe medical alternative for veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and other chronic physical, mental, medical conditions as well as opioid/drug addiction for those who choose to use cannabis under the advisement and care of a private physician; AND

WHEREAS, Current North Carolina law denies doctors the right to treat patients by prescribing Medical Marijuana; AND

WHEREAS, Many states currently allow doctors to prescribe Medical Marijuana, a policy resulting in relief from pain and suffering for their patients; AND

WHEREAS, There is substantial evidence from a comprehensive study by the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academic Press that concludes cannabinoids are effective for treating chronic pain, chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting, sleep disturbances related to obstructive sleep apnea, multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms, and fibromyalgia; AND

WHEREAS, Prescribed drugs such as opioids and benzodiazepines are reported to have high potential for adverse side effects and high potential for abuse and addiction, which could potentially lead to hospitalization or death by the patients who consume them; AND

WHEREAS, The FDA continues to facilitate the work of companies interested in appropriately bringing safe, effective, and quality products to market, including scientifically-based research concerning the medicinal uses of marijuana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Nags Head Board of Commissioners does hereby support the use of marijuana in the medical field and encourages the State of North Carolina to adopt legislation to that effect and that the State of North Carolina grant doctors the right to prescribe Medical Marijuana in the same way they prescribe other drugs.

This the 2nd day of January 2019.


BENJAMIN CAHOON, Mayor
Town of Nags Head



ATTEST


Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk