

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Note: This form must be completed and accompany all Resolutions submitted for consideration by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate.

DELEGATE NAME: Isaac Gilles

DELEGATE STATE: Connecticut

NAME OF RESOLUTION: A Resolution Concerning the Status of the Schedule One Narcotic
Tetrahydrocannabinol

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION: This resolution aims to remove the narcotic known as Marijuana from the Schedule One Narcotics list in order to expedite the study and administration of the product(s) known as Medical Marijuana.

To Be Completed By
The Clerk Of The Senate

RESOLUTION NO.

SR-20

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION SENATE

IN THE SENATE OF AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Senator **Isaac Gilles** of **Connecticut** introduced the following Resolution, which was read twice and referred to the following American Legion Boys Nation Senate Committee:

a Resolution

1 To ensure that the United States Government is expending the full weight of its effort on the
2 treatment of severe medical conditions like Epilepsy and certain kinds of Cancer, and to
3 prevent bureaucratic dishonesty,

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION SENATE ASSEMBLED, THAT
5 The body hereby assembled shall remove the Narcotic colloquially referred to as Marijuana
6 from the list of Schedule One Narcotics. In order to merit addition to the list of Schedule One
7 Narcotics, a drug must present the following characteristics:

8 A high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack
9 of accepted safety for use of the drug or substance under medical supervision.

10 For a variety of reasons, Marijuana does not merit its spot on the Schedule One Narcotics list.
11 In a number of states across the US, including but not limited to Colorado, Connecticut,
12 California, Alaska, and Washington, Marijuana has been found to have promising medical uses
13 in the treatment of serious illnesses like Epilepsy and Cancer. It can be used to treat the
14 nausea often associated with Chemotherapy, and the oil of the plant can be incredibly effective
15 in reducing the number of seizures that citizens with Epilepsy must suffer on a daily basis. The
16 aforementioned states have legalized Marijuana for medical use, and it is time that the same is
17 done on a Federal level.

18 Although users of Marijuana can become dependent on the drug, it has not demonstrated the
19 same level of addictiveness seen in drugs like LSD or Heroin.

20 Finally, although some studies suggest that the drug can have harmful effects on the
21 adolescent brain, there has been no conclusive evidence linking Marijuana use with the kinds
22 of dangers associated with Tobacco and Alcohol use. It is unjust, then, to legalize and use
23 Tobacco and Alcohol products while classifying Marijuana in a category reserved for extremely

24 harmful substances.

25 For these reasons, it is necessary to remove Marijuana from the list of Schedule One
26 substances. Instead, Marijuana should be classified as a Schedule Two substance. It meets
27 the criteria for Schedule Two substances, as it has a potential for abuse, has a number of
28 accepted medical uses, and can lead to psychological or physical dependency.

29 There is a growing movement to legalize Marijuana for recreational purposes. Whether or not
30 this movement has complete legitimacy is irrelevant. What is relevant, however, is the fact that
31 Marijuana does not fit its classification as a Schedule One drug, and that this classification
32 must be changed. This will help thousands of patients who must commit a crime under the law
33 just to receive the medication that they need and that aids them. We cannot allow for hypocrisy
34 in our laws, and the time for this change has come.