A resolution opposing the legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, recreational marijuana poses serious risks both observed and foreseeable; and

WHEREAS, marijuana legalization would create more opportunities for increased access to marijuana among children; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use negatively impacts brain health and development, causing increased impulsivity, decreased focus, and cognitive impairment; especially among children; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use is linked to suicide, with marijuana’s prevalence in toxicology reports of youth suicides rising in Colorado post-legalization; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use is more prevalent among those who live in impoverished neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, marijuana consumption leads to increased vehicular accidents, increased vehicular deaths, and impairs driving both during and after marijuana intoxication; and

WHEREAS, legalized recreational marijuana negatively impacts communities of color, as arrests of African American and Hispanic youth involving marijuana rose in Colorado post-legalization; and

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association, the American Society on Addiction, the American Society on Pediatrics, and other professional groups oppose recreational marijuana legalization; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the ________________ Party of Minnesota oppose the legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana in the State of Minnesota.