

**Final resolution after Congress Session II on March 13, 2014 - APPROVED**

**Resolution 7 – Recreational Marijuana Use**

WHEREAS, an increase of state approval for use of marijuana for medical purposes is occurring, with the recent legislation for approval for its recreational use in Colorado, and

WHEREAS, the country remains divided regarding the advisability of recreational marijuana use, with a recent Washington Post poll showing 49% for and 48% against, and

WHEREAS, debate continues over health effects of its use, especially in the adolescent population whose developing brain is susceptible to the effects of marijuana use, showing a potential 6-8% reduction in IQ, and

WHEREAS, the addiction rate of marijuana use is 9%, with the increase in THC content making for a more potent product, and

WHEREAS, future marketing of promoting marijuana use, as was the case with tobacco, will lead into more use and abuse by minors, and

WHEREAS, no immediate testing exists to determine acute marijuana intoxication, as exists with alcohol, potentially causing more motor vehicle accidents due to driver impairment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) opposes the recreational use and promotional marketing of marijuana; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the ACOFP supports increased education to both adolescent and adult populations on the harmful effects of marijuana use.

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