## A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH YORK, YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGALIZATION OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY AND EXPUNGEMENT FOR PREVIOUS SUCH OFFENSES RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 06

## WHEREAS;

The history of cannabis in the United States, along with the numerous compounds and chemicals contained within the whole plant, were used safely for centuries throughout the world, is well documented until its banning in the 1930s, heavily and nefariously influenced by U.S. industrial lobbyists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, by the passage of laws non-representative of the national consensus of that time, and;

The United States Government has been funding research in Israel for over 40 years, and has spent millions of tax-payer dollars on said research, which has proven that the compounds and chemicals in whole plant cannabis have many beneficial qualities in combatting a large number of ailments and illnesses within the human body, to include the documented destroying of cancer cells, and other subsequent studies have shown these compounds to be beneficial for a wide range of diseases and ailments, and;

Thirty-one states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have either legalized or decriminalized the adult use of cannabis through enacted laws to allow for safe access to cannabis products, including legal markets in a majority of Pennsylvania's neighboring states, increasing the likelihood of interstate purchasing of products which will decrease the amount of revenue available for retention within the state, and;

The United States Government has used the criminalization of cannabis for over a century to disproportionately incarcerate inner city inhabitants and racial minority citizens, stripping them of their rights to engage in the voting process in efforts to change these draconian laws, and;

Last year, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act of 2021, and the prevailing consensus among those polled in Muhlenberg College's annual public health poll show that six out of ten adult Pennsylvanians are in favor of full legalization in Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Councilors of the Borough of North York hereby petition the Representatives duly elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate, and the US House and Senate, to support the passage of legislation to end the prohibition unduly imposed on the use of the Cannabis plant and its applications for adults within the borders of the state of Pennsylvania and the United States as a whole. Be it also resolved that they support the expungement of all criminal charges and judgments associated with previous cannabis enforcement.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF APRIL 2023.

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BOROUGH OF NORTH YORK

Seth Hightman, President

## CERTIFICATE

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I, the undersigned officer of the Borough of NORTH YORK, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by majority vote of the entire Council at a meeting duly convened according to law and held on April 11, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present; said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of said Council; and said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended, as of the date of this Certificate.

I further certify that the Borough of NORTH YORK met the advance notice requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. Cons. Stat. §701 et seq., by advertising the time and place of said meeting and by posting prominently a notice of said meeting at the principal office of the Borough or at the public building in which said meeting was held.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Borough of NORTH YORK this 11th day of April 2023.

Sonya Grim Secretary

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