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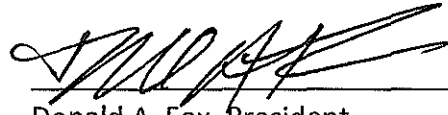
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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE LEGALIZATION OF ADULT RECREATION USE MARIJUANA

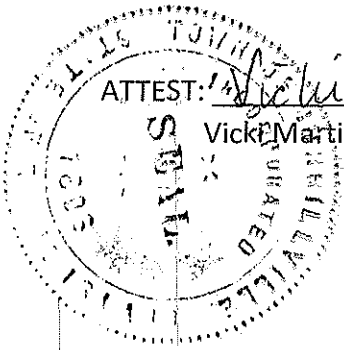
- WHEREAS, if Rhode Island legalizes marijuana, our cities and towns will bear most of the direct burden to pay for and deal with implementation and public consequences; and
- WHEREAS, as we have seen in Massachusetts, retail stores often bring traffic and congestion, while local public safety will need to respond to emergency calls, complaints and other impacts including but not limited to nuisance properties; and
- WHEREAS, our priority is to ensure that local governments have sufficient operational control, oversight and resources in any legalization process; and
- WHEREAS, in order to properly support local obligations, cities and towns should directly receive a minimum of 3% local sales tax; and
- WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal requires a special election by November 2021 if a community wants to opt out; and
- WHEREAS, as special elections are costly to administer, have historically low turnout and are highly influenced by special interests; and
- WHEREAS, cities and towns should be able to opt out through their respective councils rather than through a ballot referendum; and
- WHEREAS, communities that opt out will still need to address public safety concerns, we support municipal safety grants and expanding temporary impact fees beyond three months as proposed in the Governor's budget; and
- WHEREAS, we support the Governor's budget proposal to maintain a centralized licensing system through the Office of Cannabis Regulation and the Department of Business Regulation; and
- WHEREAS, any legalization proposal must seriously address concerns about the impact of impairment in the workforce. The Governor's proposal contains additional employer safeguards, including but not limited to allowing employers to verify whether employees have medical marijuana licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville supports the position taken by the League of Cities and Towns that any legislation enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly regarding the legalization of adult recreational use marijuana should maximize local control.


Passed as a resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 28th day of April, 2021.



Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council



ATTEST:


Vicki Martin, Town Clerk