



## Medical Marijuana in Florida, Ballot Initiative

### Description:

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### The Plan

There are over 1.7 million seriously ill people in Florida. They have the right to safe, affordable, and effective medication. The goal of this committee is to get medical marijuana legal in the state of Florida. We are collecting signatures on a petition to support a constitutional amendment that gives patients the right to grow, obtain, purchase and possess medical marijuana under a doctor's supervision.

### Quote about marijuana:

"If (Marijuana) were unknown, and Bio-prospectors were suddenly to find it in some remote mountain crevice, it's discovery would no doubt be hailed as a medical breakthrough. Scientists would praise it's potential for treating everything from pain to cancer and marvel at it's rich pharmacopoeia ~~ many of whose chemicals mimic vital molecules in the human body"

The Economist, "Reefer Madness, Marijuana Is Medically Useful Whether Politicians Like It or Not," April 29, 2006.

### Amazing Marijuana Facts:

There are five types of cancers that marijuana stops tumor cells from spreading: brain, breast, lung, pancreatic, and prostate.

Marijuana is the number one cash crop in the United States and in each of these states: Alaska, Alabama, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

Why is it needed?

It works like no other drug. No pharmaceutical compound can imitate it's healing properties. The most recent study indicates that marijuana can stop certain cancers from spreading. It has properties that protect the brain. In Parkinson's patients, it stops tremors and prevents further deterioration.

Will this lead to full legalization of marijuana?

There are 13 states who have made medical marijuana legal and have not passed legislation on full legalization. There is no evidence that this will happen.

For what is it prescribed?

Cancer, Parkinson's, Huntington's Disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, AIDs, chronic pain, glaucoma, hepatitis C, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV, epilepsy, Crohn's disease, anorexia, nail patella, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), chronic nervous system disorders, cachexia or wasting syndrome, chronic or intractable pain, severe nausea, seizures, severe or persistent muscle spasms, diabetes mellitus, dystonia, fibromyalgia, gastrointestinal disorders, gliomas, hypertension, incontinence, MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), osteoporosis, pruritus, sleep apnea, Tourette's syndrome, migraine headaches, depression, post traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorder, bipolar disorder, menstrual cramps and excessive bleeding, diarrhea, tuberculosis, elephantiasis, asthma, hemorrhoids, anemia, rabies, insomnia.

We are planning a coordinated statewide fund raising event for late October and early November. We need volunteers, venues, talent, and donations. There are football games happening every weekend thr

Country: Florida

City:

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