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Resolution on Endorsement of Medical Marijuana

Whereas, Iraq Veterans Against the War supports a veterans right to heal through Operation Recovery;

Whereas, there is an extreme failure within the Veterans Health Administration to provide access to medical cannabis which directly affects the mental and physical health of IVAW membership as well as other veterans;

Whereas, the federal government is violating the civil rights of veterans by not allowing VHA care providers to openly discuss medical cannabis treatment with patients without fear of reprisal;

Whereas, there are benefits reported by veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other mental and physical maladies;

Therefore, let it be affirmed that Iraq Veterans Against the War supports further study and use of medical cannabis for treatment of veterans seeking relief for maladies incurred during and after active duty service in the armed forces and calls for the federal government to reschedule cannabis so it can be accessed by veterans for their treatment. Additionally, be it resolved that IVAW supports the First Amendment right of veterans to openly discuss medical cannabis treatment with their VHA care providers without fear of reprisal for any party.

Adopted: January 23, 2015