

# **Resolution Proposal**

November 25, 2023

## **CALLING UPON THE STATE TO HARMONIZE THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATION OF CANNABIS IN HAWAII**

**WHEREAS, the State exercised its constitutional authority over the intrastate use of cannabis in 2000 when it approved Act 228 and authorized the medically supervised use of cannabis for a specific group of patients; and**

**WHEREAS, the federal Controlled Substances Act does not recognize the medical use of cannabis, which exposes state medical cannabis patients to devastating federal consequences; and**

**WHEREAS, an administrative solution for this problem exists with HCR132, which was unanimously adopted by both chambers of the Legislature in 2021 and which still sits with the Hawaii Department of Health; and**

**WHEREAS, the State has a moral and constitutional obligation to resolve the federal situation with cannabis in Hawaii using all means available given Congressional indecision and a growing interest in the adult use of cannabis; now, therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Honolulu City Council:**

- 1. That the Council supports the State taking immediate action to harmonize the state and federal regulation of cannabis in Hawaii;**
- 2. That the Council supports the State Department of the Attorney General taking the lead on this process; and**
- 3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu; City and County of Honolulu's delegation to the State Legislature; the Honorable Josh B. Green, MD, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, United States Representative; the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Senator; and the Honorable Brian E. Schatz, United States Senator.**