

- 29 ▶ urges Congress and the federal government to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II
- 30 drug;
- 31 ▶ encourages researchers to investigate the benefits of medical marijuana; and
- 32 ▶ encourages researchers to report their findings to the legislative interim committees
- 33 of Business and Labor, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services,
- 34 or other groups as appropriate or feasible.

35 **Special Clauses:**

36 None



38 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

39 WHEREAS, marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I drug under the United

40 States Controlled Substances Act, which is an inappropriate classification because it impedes

41 legal research by industries and universities;

42 WHEREAS, while the use of medical marijuana is allowed in at least 23 states already

43 for numerous medical indications, marijuana use remains illegal under federal law;

44 WHEREAS, the federal government has indicated that it will not prosecute patients

45 who use medical marijuana in states where state law permits the use of medical marijuana, and

46 there is a potential change in public policy in Utah regarding this issue;

47 WHEREAS, there is a significant lack of research on medical marijuana by industries,

48 universities, and research institutions in the country, likely due in part to marijuana's

49 classification as a Schedule I drug under federal law;

50 WHEREAS, conducting research on a Schedule I drug requires a license issued by the

51 Drug Enforcement Agency;

52 WHEREAS, Utah law also classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug;

53 WHEREAS, changing the classification of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II

54 under state and federal law would result in the drug being more available for research, while

55 still keeping marijuana safely regulated; and

56 WHEREAS, Utah has nationally respected research and healthcare facilities including

57 the University of Utah, USTAR, University of Utah Medical School, Huntsman Cancer
58 Institute, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and others:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
60 Governor concurring therein, urges Congress and the federal government to change the
61 classification of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor encourage research
63 institutions such as the University of Utah, USTAR, University of Utah Medical School,
64 Huntsman Cancer Institute, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and others to collaborate on
65 determining the feasibility of a formal study of the medical benefits of marijuana.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those who determine the feasibility of a formal
67 study of the medical benefits of marijuana report their findings to the legislative interim
68 committees of Business and Labor, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services,
69 or other groups as appropriate or feasible.