



**FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
Resolution 2016-1**

**RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE LEGALIZATION OF MEDICAL
MARIJUANA**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has previously addressed the issue of the legalization of medical marijuana in passing Ch. Law 2014-158, the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act of 2014 (Charlotte's Web); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, through precedence, has sustained ability to address the issue of the legalization of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of medical marijuana could lead to unintended consequences that may be readily addressed by legislative amendment; and

WHEREAS, issues concerning civil or criminal immunity relating to the negligence or medical malpractice on the part of the cultivator, manufacturer, distributor, qualified patient, caregiver, or a physician licensed to practice medicine in Florida are matters affecting public safety which should also be addressed by the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, qualifications for potential patients, including age, are additional issues which are of great importance to the public and should be resolved by the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana would be contrary to the interests of the public health, safety and welfare, and would undermine the quality of life of the citizens of the state of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION that:

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE EXCLUSIVE FORUM TO INITIATE AND MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016, A.D.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION:

**Sheriff Sadie Darnell
President**

ATTEST:

**Steve Casey
Executive Director**

