

**IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
5661 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50321

**RESOLUTION FOR DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM**  
(Start resolutions with "We Support:" or "We Oppose:".)

We support the medical use of marijuana when it is recommended by a doctor.

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**RATIONALE FOR RESOLUTION**

Iowa law has recongized the medical use of marijuana since 1979. Iowa Code § 124.206(7) (1999).

However, the therapeutic research program enacted in 1979 expired in 1981. Patients and their doctors in Iowa have no way of obtaining marijuana for medical purposes. In 1997 an Iowa District Court judge ruled that a medical patient in Waterloo, Iowa could not have his probation revoked for using marijuana obtained from illegal sources. The judge ruled it was a medical necessity for the patient to break the law. In March of 1999 the national Institute of Medicine recognized that marijuana is beneficial to some medical patients. In December of 1999 the Washington Post quoted Vice President Al Gore as saying that the former head of the American Lung Association prescribed marijuana to his sister in 1984.

**REFERENCES / RESOURCES**

(Articles in Newspapers, magazines, or books,

names of people who have knowledge on subject and how they can be reached, etc.)

<http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/marimed/>

<http://www.commonlink.com/~olsen/MEDICAL/>

<http://mojo.calyx.net/~olsen/MEDICAL/>

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