

EXHIBIT O

1 **GOV 2012-04 PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION OF CANNABIS**

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3 Whereas, For more than 40 years the “War on Drugs” has fostered violence, increased criminal activity
4 and imposed criminal records on otherwise law abiding citizens; and

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6 Whereas, it serves no public good to jail potentially productive people solely for the use of the natural
7 intoxicant, marijuana, and causes huge disruption to innocent families, and has resulted in corruption of
8 law enforcement’s true mission to serve and protect; and

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10 Whereas, prohibition has been totally ineffective at keeping cannabis away from our youth and has
11 tragically criminalized and needlessly exposed many to the prison system; and

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13 Whereas, more than 750,000 individuals in the United States are arrested every year for simple
14 possession; and

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16 Whereas, Administrative Law Judge Francis L. Young ruled on September 6, 1988 that the Drug
17 Enforcement Administration (DEA) improperly classified cannabis as a “Schedule I” drug; and

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19 Whereas, cannabis has a long history of positive spiritual and medicinal use and has caused far fewer
20 negative health and social impacts than alcohol or tobacco; and

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22 Whereas, 16 states plus the District of Columbia have recognized its medicinal value and have
23 established medical marijuana programs; and

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25 Whereas, The enormous amount of resources currently spent trying to control marijuana could be better
26 spent on education to reduce demand for all drugs and to treat those that have addictions; and

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28 Whereas, in 2008 53% of Hawai’i County voters passed an ordinance making the possession of cannabis
29 the lowest law enforcement priority; and

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31 Whereas, An effective distribution system could be set in place to tax, regulate and control cannabis as
32 are alcohol and cigarettes; now, therefore be it

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34 *Resolved*, That all Democratic elected officials at all levels must work to end cannabis prohibition; and be
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37 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of Hawai’i enact legislation to tax, regulate and control the
38 commercial production, distribution and use of cannabis and to legalize the cultivation of cannabis
39 sufficient for personal use at private premises; and be it

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41 *Resolved*, That the Obama Administration and our Representatives in Washington, D.C. be strongly
42 encouraged to take steps to remove cannabis as a “Schedule I” substance; and be it

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44 *Resolved*, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the
45 Hawai’i State Legislature and to all Democratic candidates for the Hawai’i State Legislature as well as our
46 Senators and Representatives in Washington, D.C and to the U.S. Attorney General and President
47 Obama.

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49 Submitted by Hawai’i County

1 **GOV 2012-28 RESOLUTION REGARDING POSTING BOND**

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3 Whereas, the Democratic Party of Hawaii shall defend residents/citizens of the State of Hawaii against
4 any and all violations of duly enacted State Laws, including the irregular, controversial searches,
5 seizures and arrests carried out by the Federal Agencies of the United States Government that
6 transgress Constitutionally protected Rights of citizens to Freedom of Religion, Speech and Right to
7 post bail bond while awaiting trial; and

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9 Whereas, citizen Roger Christie of Hilo has been held for twenty months without bail by federal
10 authorities in Honolulu accused of a victimless crime pertaining to his religious beliefs and practices as
11 a minister utilizing cannabis as the essential sacrament; and

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13 Whereas, during this time of captivity heinous violations have been committed and the accused parties
14 have been released on bail despite their involvement in cases of rape, kidnapping, embezzlement,
15 and murder; and

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17 Whereas, the President of the United States has pressed for an opening of a discussion on the failure
18 of the War on Drugs, and that the current pursuit of the prohibition has crowned the USA with the
19 dubious and shameful distinction of having the highest incarceration rate in the entire world; now,
20 therefore, be it

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22 **Resolved**, That all duly elected officials representing the People of Hawai'i shall defend the
23 Constitutionally guaranteed rights of citizens of the State of Hawai'i including those infringements by
24 the Federal authorities; and be it

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26 **Resolved**, That this enactment is to safeguard the system of representative government of the
27 Republic of the United States of America, for surely the much dreaded path to totalitarianism is
28 unavoidable should the Several States of the Union fail to defend their citizens' rights of worship,
29 speech and to POST REASONABLE BOND WHILE AWAITING TRIAL.

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31 Submitted by Hawai'i County
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1 **HHS 2012-05 Statewide Medical Marijuana Initiative Rescinding and Replacing Resolution 14**

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3 Whereas, cannabis has been statutorily recognized by 16 States and Washington D.C. for medical use
4 and individuals in Hawai'i can be certified for medical marijuana use; and

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6 Whereas, in 2011 the Hawai'i Medical Association passed a resolution recommending that medical
7 marijuana be reclassified to Schedule III so as to, "reduce barriers to needed research and to humanely
8 increase availability of cannabinoid-based medications."; and

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10 Whereas, certified patients (or their caregiver) in Hawai'i are allowed to cultivate seven plants; and

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12 Whereas, many patients are in fact unable to grow or have their medical marijuana grown for them; and

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14 Whereas, there currently exists no legal means for certified patients to obtain seeds, clones, dried
15 processed marijuana, tinctures, concentrates or infused products; and

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17 Whereas, in 2008, the citizens of Hawai'i County voted to make possession of up to 24 cannabis plants
18 the police department's lowest enforcement priority; and

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20 Whereas, it is greatly beneficial to have a legally controlled system in place that taxes and regulates
21 medical marijuana rather than an unregulated distribution that supplies anyone including school children;
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24 Whereas, the medical marijuana program has remain unchanged since its inception in 2000; now,
25 therefore, be it

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27 Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i will support legislation that will increase the allowable
28 number of plants, amount of medical marijuana and number of patients per caregiver, clarifying the
29 wording of the current law specifically allowing the transportation of medical marijuana (inter- and intra-
30 island), expanding the qualifying conditions and moving administration of the program to the Department
31 of Health; and be it further

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33 Resolved, that the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urges the Legislature of the State of Hawai'i to provide
34 national leadership on this issue by enacting legislation to allow persons holding a medical marijuana
35 certificate to purchase seeds, clones, dried processed marijuana, tinctures, concentrates or infused
36 products through licensed compassion centers and other patients or caregivers; and be it finally

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38 Ordered, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i and the
39 Hawai'i State Legislature.

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41 Submitted by the Hawai'i County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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