

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
 urging Congress to revise federal firearms laws to  
 allow persons who are prescribed medical marijuana to  
 be permitted to purchase firearms.

WHEREAS, in 2017, an ad hoc committee of the National  
 Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released a  
 report titled "The Health Effects of Cannabis and Cannabinoids:  
 The Current State of Evidence and Recommendations for Research,"  
 and

WHEREAS, the report found substantial, conclusive evidence  
 that cannabis and cannabinoids are effective for the treatment  
 of chronic pain and chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and  
 for improving multiple sclerosis spasticity symptoms, and

WHEREAS, the report found evidence that cannabis and  
 cannabinoids are effective for relieving symptoms of other  
 diseases and conditions such as weight loss associated with  
 HIV/AIDS, obstructive sleep apnea, and fibromyalgia, and

WHEREAS, some studies suggest that the use of prescribed  
 medical cannabis has fewer, less severe side effects than  
 prescription medications, and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 3.6 to 5.5 million medical  
 cannabis patients in the United States, and

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25 WHEREAS, according to the National Conference of State  
26 Legislatures, 36 states and four United States territories allow  
27 medical use of cannabis products, NOW, THEREFORE,

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29 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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31 That the Congress of the United States is urged to revise  
32 federal firearms laws to allow persons who are prescribed  
33 medical marijuana to be permitted to purchase firearms and that  
34 the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' ATF  
35 Form 4473, Firearms Transaction Record (Form 4473), be revised  
36 to reflect this.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
38 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
39 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
40 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
41 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.