



American Cannabis Nurses Association

Advancing excellence in cannabis nursing practice through advocacy, collaboration, education, research and policy development

A Resolution Regarding the Proper Scheduling of Cannabis in the U.S. Controlled Substances Act of 1970 Prepared by the American Cannabis Nurses Association

WHEREAS, cannabis is currently classified as a Schedule I drug according to the U.S. Controlled Substances Act; and,

WHEREAS, uncertainties and injustices are being perpetrated against suffering people by the inappropriate and unjustified Federal Policy of Schedule I placement of cannabis in the Controlled Substances Act; and,

WHEREAS, the recent Committee on the Health Effects of Marijuana of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine concluded that, “There are specific regulatory barriers, including the classification of cannabis as a Schedule I substance, that impeded the advancement of cannabis and cannabinoid research.” and,

WHEREAS, twenty nine states and the District of Columbia currently have laws that allow citizens to legally access cannabis for medical use, and eight of these states and the District of Columbia allow cannabis to be used by adults ‘recreationally’; and,

WHEREAS, cannabis as a natural medicant cannot be classified accurately in any of the existing CSA Schedules; and,

WHEREAS, we believe reclassification of cannabis will improve overall societal health by:

- providing access to safe, accepted and effective medication, and
- allowing municipalities to educate the public about safe cannabis use, and
- reducing the catastrophic personal consequences of incarceration for many citizens, and
- helping to contain the current opioid epidemic in our country and stem the tide of opioid deaths,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Cannabis Nurses Association calls on the United States Congress to increase the health, safety and well-being of our citizens by establishing a new cannabis-only schedule – Schedule VI – in the Controlled Substances Act that will accommodate all cannabis products.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the criteria for the newly created Schedule VI shall not be any more onerous than those of the existing Schedule V.

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