

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

Regarding Amnesty for Past Marijuana Convictions

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**WHEREAS** Ballot Measure 91, legalizing the sale and possession of recreational marijuana, was recently passed by popular vote of the people of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, per the Oregon State Police, between 2002 and 2012, 115,000 people were arrested or issued citations for possession of recreational marijuana; and

**WHEREAS** most employers and many other applications for schools, grants, loans, etc., require the divulging of misdemeanor and felony convictions and can and do use that information when considering these applications; and

**WHEREAS** under the new Oregon State law possession of 1 ounce of marijuana is no longer a criminal offense:

**THEREFORE be it resolved by the Democratic Party of Washington County** that we urge the State Legislators of Oregon to:

1. Introduce legislation allowing past consumers, but not sellers, of marijuana who were issued citations or arrested for possession of 1 ounce or less in the State of Oregon to have their Oregon records expunged.
2. Provide in such legislation that expungement will be carried out with minimal expense to the applicant including only a brief records check and an approximately \$50.00 "expungement fee" per offense.
3. Require in such legislation that the State of Oregon provide the applicant a letter confirming its actions.
4. Clarify that such legislation will not apply to anyone convicted of the sale or distribution of marijuana but could include growers of small amounts intended for their own use or growers for approved medical purposes.

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