

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 83

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF
RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA.**

WHEREAS, although marijuana has been found to have medical benefits to patients receiving medical treatment and Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat supports the medical use of marijuana, the Governor and Legislature are considering the legalization and taxation of recreational use marijuana in the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, many health professionals consider marijuana a “gateway” drug and marijuana negatively effects the lives of the residents and children of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey utilizes Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) to determine whether someone is under the influence of a drug including marijuana when operating a motor vehicle and there is no current objective standard for operating under the influence of drugs like marijuana as compared to standards established for driving while intoxicated (.08%); and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs such as marijuana is very difficult; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic is well known to residents of Barnegat Township, the County of Ocean, and the State of New Jersey even though opioids are currently “legal” and available by prescription and has not been controlled and, in fact, has become an epidemic; and

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat finds that the legalization of the use of recreational marijuana would have detrimental effect on the lives and health of the residents of Barnegat Township and endanger our children;

WHEREAS, medical research has found that marijuana has medicinal benefits to patients receiving certain types medical and psychiatric treatment, so let it be said that the Governing Body of the Township of Barnegat supports the medical use of marijuana, for those purposes and those alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of February 2019 by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat that it opposes legislation that would permit the recreational use of marijuana in the State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Barnegat Township Clerk shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Jersey, the members of the Ocean County Legislative Delegation, and the members of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Barnegat at a meeting held on February 5, 2019, a quorum being present and voting in the majority.

Michele Rivers, RMC
Township Clerk

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