



AMENDED
RESOLUTION NO. 16-01
Originally Approved on October 17, 2016
Amended on February 27, 2017

**A RESOLUTION OF FIRST 5 MENDOCINO'S
STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE INTEREST OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN
CANNABIS RELATED POLICY**

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mendocino was formed by the voters who enacted the California Children and Families First Act (“Act”) in 1998 to support health, welfare and early education programs for children prenatal to five years of age and their families through taxation of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mendocino’s mission is to use its resources to establish, fund, coordinate, evaluate and advocate for programs that improve parenting and decrease substance abuse among parents and other care givers of young children in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, research over the past three decades shows children’s brains develop most dramatically during their first five years of life than during any other stage; and

WHEREAS, FIRST 5 Mendocino holds that all Mendocino County children be happy, healthy and ready for kindergarten so that in the long-term, they become capable, contributing members of our community; and

WHEREAS, California voters approved medical cannabis in 1996 with the passage of Proposition 215 and the state and local governments have enacted laws to regulate and tax medical cannabis; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016 California voters approved Proposition 64 to legalize, regulate and tax recreational use of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, the new law provides that tax revenue will be collected by the state and that local governments are authorized to levy taxes. The law allocates a portion of the state tax revenue to youth programs for drug education, prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2016 the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopted the Policy Council on Children and Youth’s Policy Statement on Marijuana and Youth which recommends a portion of local tax revenue, and a minimum of 20% of statewide tax revenue, be

earmarked for local prevention, including the impact of cannabis on pregnant women, on the developing brain and the risks of second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments are preparing for regulation and taxation of recreational cannabis and there is an urgent need to protect the health and safety interest of young children as these policies are developed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that FIRST 5 Mendocino strongly supports the interests of young children in Mendocino County and supports policies that protect young children from exposure to cannabis cultivation, cannabis marketing, proximity to smokers, proximity to cannabis businesses, child safety packaging, sufficient warnings for pregnant women, and supports the allocation of state and local tax revenue for investment in children's programs for health, mental health, early education, child abuse prevention and other early intervention services.

FIRST 5 Mendocino will not spend taxpayer funds to influence voters.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the FIRST 5 Mendocino Commission on October 17, 2016 and amended on February 27, 2017 due to the legalization of recreational cannabis to wit:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Flaherty, Hamburg, Tichinin, Rentería and Anderson

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None



Paul Tichinin, Chair

FIRST 5 Mendocino Commission