

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 2013/026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES AND THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF I-502 TO PROVIDE FOR A LOCAL OPTION FOR COMMUNITIES, BY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING AND SALE OF MARIJUANA WITHIN A COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF

WHEREAS, I-502 excluded cities and other local governmental entities from a voice in the production, licensing, and regulation of marijuana, as well as any share in the proceeds from the taxes to be levied on such production, processing and sale; and

WHEREAS, local communities bear the brunt of enforcement efforts and are the entities which must deal with potential negative impacts from the production, processing and sale of marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the law of the United States and the Controlled Substances Act continue to classify marijuana as a Schedule I drug for which no medical or other use is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the voters of the State have indicated their desire to decriminalize marijuana and establish a state-wide system; and

WHEREAS, Colorado in its decriminalization efforts afforded communities such a local option; and

WHEREAS, I-502 fails to give specific direction to communities regarding the exercise of their zoning powers, in sharp contrast to the provisions of the Medical Use of Marijuana Act as amended in Chapter 69.51A RCW; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that one or more communities in the State are likely to litigate issues relating to the local control of marijuana either with the State of Washington or the United States government, litigation that neither the City, the State or the federal government desires; and

WHEREAS, such litigation, particularly between governmental entities represents an avoidable waste of taxpayer monies.

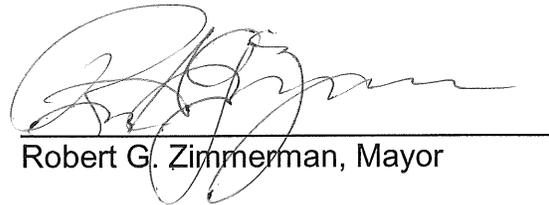
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Association of Washington Cities, the Association of Washington Counties, and Monroe's Legislative Delegation, Senator Kirk Pearson, and Representatives Dan Kristiansen and Elizabeth Scott are hereby requested to bring forward amendments to I-502, codified as RCW 69.50 in order to provide a local option, by vote of the people, for communities to opt out of the licensing of production, processing, and retail sales of marijuana and to provide clear direction to communities regarding what, if any, powers are preempted for local control and exercise.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Association of Washington Cities, and its State Legislators.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 10th day of December, 2013.

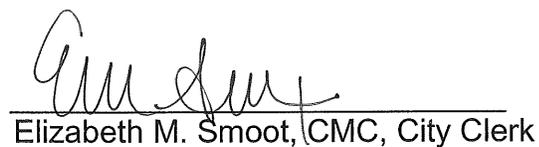
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Robert G. Zimmerman, Mayor

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ATTEST:



Elizabeth M. Smoot, CMC, City Clerk