



City of Ballwin

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# RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED BY

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**A RESOLUTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
DRUG FREE COALITION -- PROTECTING YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL  
RECREATIONAL USE OF MARIJUANA**

**WHEREAS**, long-term, regular use of marijuana among teens impacts brain development and may permanently lower IQ (2015 National Institute on Drug Abuse); and students who use marijuana before the age of 13 tend to get lower grades and are three times more likely to drop out of high school (CADCA 2010 Drug and Alcohol Use and Academic Performance Report); and

**WHEREAS**, the average age of the first marijuana use in the Rockwood School District is 13 years old, and by 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 42% of Rockwood youth have used marijuana (2014 Missouri Student Survey); and

**WHEREAS**, 37.9% of youth in St. Louis County say marijuana is easy to get, and 16.3% say that smoking marijuana presents “no risk at all” (June 2015 St. Louis County Behavioral Health Epidemiology Profile from 2014 Missouri Student Survey); and

**WHEREAS**, 92% of people using publicly-funded treatment for marijuana report that they were under age 18 when they began using marijuana (2011 Status Report on Missouri’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems); and

**WHEREAS**, current research has demonstrated that the earlier marijuana use begins, the more likely the user will become dependent on it and / or other types of drugs later in life (2015 National Institute on Drug Abuse);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that recreational use of marijuana is harmful to youth, and protecting youth from these harmful effects and consequences serves the well-being of our community.

THIS RESOLUTION, HAVING BEEN DULY CONSIDERED AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, WAS PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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*TIM POGUE, MAYOR*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*ERIC HANSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR*