



VOTE  ON 3

***A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION
REGARDING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 3 – RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA***

WHEREAS, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is committed to preserving Florida’s public health, keeping our hospitality team members and guests safe, and continuing to improve the quality of life for all of our residents throughout the Central Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 is a proposed amendment of Florida’s constitution which would irreversibly harm Florida’s brand as a “family-friendly” state and will allow the possession and use of recreational marijuana everywhere – just like it is in Colorado and California; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 does not regulate the use of recreational marijuana in public places or indoors, and this could prevent our Central Florida hotels, restaurants, theme parks, and public places from prohibiting recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the language of Amendment 3 could overrule hospitality employers who try to enforce “no smoking rules” in the workplace as this amendment gives clear legal footing to those who seek to violate the 2002 ban on indoor tobacco smoking; and

WHEREAS, the language of Amendment 3 also allows recreational marijuana smokers to possess and smoke marijuana in public places where cigarettes smoking is now banned; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s Clean Air Act only prevents smoking cigarettes and tobacco indoors, and this Amendment 3 doesn’t put the same limits on recreational marijuana; and

WHEREAS, a 2022 study found that five states that legalized recreational marijuana saw about a 2% increase in car crashes and traffic deaths following legalization and another 2% increase after retail sales began; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 does not protect employees who may be exposed to marijuana dust or concentrates, as this amendment offers broad legal criminal or civil liability protections for those who acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute marijuana products and marijuana accessories to adults for personal use under Florida law; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 could result in significant decrease in tourism to our destination, along with a reduced quality of life for Central Florida visitors and residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association opposes the proposed Constitutional Amendment 3 on the State of Florida’s November 2024 General Election ballot;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is committed to informing its members and the community relating to the negative implications of Amendment 3, if approved by the voters on the November General Election ballot.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association this 24 day of October, 2024.