
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TO STOP ENGAGING IN MEDICAL MARIJUANA RAIDS THAT CIRCUMVENT STATE LAWS PERMITTING MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA.

1 WHEREAS, during the campaign leading up to the 2008
2 presidential election, Barack Obama repeatedly stated that he
3 would not use Justice Department resources to try to circumvent
4 state laws on the issue of medical marijuana; and
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6 WHEREAS, Mr. Obama stated that he was opposed to using the
7 federal government to raid medical marijuana shops, particularly
8 because it was an infringement on states' decisions; and
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10 WHEREAS, the 2009 session of the New Hampshire Legislature
11 is hearing legislation to permit medical marijuana, as
12 authorized by state law and the United States Attorney General
13 recently stated that federal agencies would stop raids of
14 medical marijuana dispensers in states where medical marijuana
15 is legal; and
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17 WHEREAS, however, as recently as February 2009, after
18 President Obama's inauguration, the federal Drug Enforcement
19 Agency continued to raid medical marijuana providers and
20 patients; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2009, that the President and United States Attorney General
25 are requested to direct the Department of Justice's Drug
26 Enforcement Agency to stop engaging in medical marijuana raids
27 to circumvent state law; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
3 Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the United
4 States Attorney General.

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