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Michigan's Sheriffs Say No to Legalizing Recreational Marijuana

Lansing, MI: 73 of Michigan's County Sheriffs are making a public statement today in releasing their names to support Healthy and Productive Michigan's efforts to defeat Proposal 18.1 which aims to legalize recreational marijuana.

They join the Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals, and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan in endorsing this campaign.

Scott Greenlee, President of Healthy and Productive Michigan said, *"Michigan Sheriffs recognize the danger that legalized recreational marijuana means for our children and communities. We are grateful for their stand to oppose this dangerous proposal."*

Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said, *"Proposal 18.1 is dangerous for our youth and the general well being of Michigan. Colorado experienced a 151% increase in traffic fatalities after recreational marijuana was legalized."*

Berrien County Sheriff Paul Bailey said, *"Recreational marijuana legalization has wreaked havoc on states that have legalized it. We have seen increased youth use, driving fatalities, and black market activity. Preserve the future of our great state and our youth, vote no."*

Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth said, *"America is in the middle of a mental health crisis. Why anyone thinks now is a good time to legalize a mind altering drug is beyond me."*

In September, regional press conferences took place around the state where Prosecutors and Law Enforcement came together to make a public statement that Proposal 18.1 is bad for Michigan.

Greenlee concluded, *"A huge problem with this proposal is unlimited potency - up to 99% THC. Our Sheriffs are particularly concerned that there is no reliable roadside testing for marijuana impairment available today. They know more drugged driving will mean more emergency room visits, and unfortunately more fatalities."*

Following is a current list of the Sheriffs who are standing with us.

ENDORISING SHERIFFS AND THEIR COUNTY:

Sheriff Douglas Atchison	Alcona
Sheriff Todd Brock	Alger
Sheriff Frank Baker	Allegan
Sheriff Steven Kieliszewski	Alpena
Sheriff Daniel Bean	Antrim
Sheriff James Mosciski	Arenac
Sheriff Rick Johnson	Baraga
Sheriff Dar Leaf	Barry
Sheriff Troy Cunningham	Bay
Sheriff Ted Schendel	Benzie
Sheriff L. Paul Bailey	Berrien
Sheriff John Pollack	Branch
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Calhoun
Sheriff Richard Behnke	Cass
Sheriff Charles Vondra	Charlevoix
Sheriff Dale Clarmont	Cheboygan
Sheriff John Wilson	Clare
Sheriff Larry Jerue	Clinton
Sheriff Kirk Wakefield	Crawford
Sheriff Ed Oswald	Delta
Sheriff Tom Reich	Eaton
Sheriff Pete Wallin	Emmet
Sheriff Michael Shea	Gladwin
Sheriff Pete Matonich	Gogebic
Sheriff Tom Bensley	Grand Traverse

Sheriff L. Douglas Wright	Gratiot
Sheriff Timothy Parker	Hillsdale
Sheriff Brian McLean	Houghton
Sheriff Kelly Hanson	Huron
Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth	Ingham
Sheriff Dale Miller	Ionia
Sheriff Allan MacGregor	Iosco
Sheriff Mark Valesano	Iron
Sheriff Michael Main	Isabella
Sheriff Steve Rand	Jackson
Sheriff Richard Fuller	Kalamazoo
Sheriff Pat Whiteford	Kalkaska
Sheriff Lawrence Stelma	Kent
Sheriff William Luokkanen	Keweenaw
Sheriff Scott McKenna	Lapeer
Sheriff Mike Borkovich	Leelanau
Sheriff Jack Welsh	Lenawee
Sheriff Mike Murphy	Livingston
Sheriff John Cischke	Luce
Sheriff Scott Strait	Mackinac
Sheriff Anthony Wickersham	Macomb
Sheriff John O'Hagan	Manistee
Sheriff Greg Zyburt	Marquette
Sheriff Kim Cole	Mason
Sheriff Todd Purcell	Mecosta
Sheriff Kenny Marks	Menominee
Sheriff Scott Stephenson	Midland

Sheriff James Bosscher	Missaukee
Sheriff Michael Williams	Montcalm
Sheriff Chad Brown	Montmorency
Sheriff Michael J. Poulin	Muskegon
Sheriff Bob Mendham	Newaygo
Sheriff Mike Bouchard	Oakland
Sheriff Craig Mast	Oceana
Sheriff Kevin Grace	Oscoda
Sheriff Matthew Nowicki	Otsego
Sheriff Steve Kempker	Ottawa
Sheriff Joseph Brewbaker	Presque Isle
Sheriff Ed Stern	Roscommon
Sheriff William Federspiel	Saginaw
Sheriff Garry Biniecki	Sanilac
Sheriff Paul Furman	Schoolcraft
Sheriff Brian BeGole	Shiawassee
Sheriff Tim Donnellon	St. Clair
Sheriff Bradley Balk	St. Joseph
Sheriff Glen Skrent	Tuscola
Sheriff Daniel Abbott	Van Buren
Sheriff Trent Taylor	Wexford

Healthy and Productive Michigan is an organization committed to stopping recreational marijuana in Michigan. To learn more, donate, or volunteer please go to www.healthyandproductivemi.org and find us on Facebook at Healthy and Productive Michigan.

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