

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Eugene, Oregon
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In November 1998, Oregon voters passed into law the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, allowing Oregonians suffering from debilitating medical conditions to use marijuana as medicine. Currently, nearly 25,000 patients are enrolled and over 2,900 doctors have provided recommendations for patients' utilization of medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS: Thirteen states have passed laws allowing for chronically and seriously ill patients to use cannabis with the approval of their physicians; and

WHEREAS: On September 6, 1988, Drug Enforcement Administration Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, ruled that "Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known;" and

WHEREAS: There are over 17,000 published scientific studies on the therapeutic values of cannabis and cannabinoids in the National Library of Medicine, and there are over 2,600 patents filed for the medical use of cannabinoids in the United States Patent office; and

WHEREAS: Pre-clinical and clinical trials indicate that cannabinoids are useful in controlling Alzheimer's Disease, Cancer, Chronic Pain, Diabetes, GI disorders, Hepatitis C, Multiple Sclerosis, Osteoporosis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Sleep Apnea; and

WHEREAS: Marijuana has a history of thousands of years of safe use without any recorded deaths attributed to its use, and all citizens deserve the right to know the truth about cannabis,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon do hereby proclaim the week of April 30 to May 6, 2009, as

"Medical Marijuana Awareness Week"

in the city of Eugene, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.





Kitty Piercy, Mayor

Dated this 22nd day of April 2009