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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14-006

101 **MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO GRANT COLORADO RESEARCH**
102 **INSTITUTIONS THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MEDICAL CLINICAL**
103 **TRIALS REGARDING MARIJUANA'S MEDICAL EFFICACY.**

1 WHEREAS, Colorado is in a unique situation regarding marijuana
2 use in this country; and

3 WHEREAS, Colorado's constitution authorizes the legal use of
4 marijuana for both medical and private adult use, but the use of marijuana
5 is still illegal under federal law; and

6 WHEREAS, Because marijuana use has been illegal under federal
7 law since 1937, there is limited modern, scientific-based research
8 regarding the medical use of marijuana; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, Without medical research, most information
2 regarding marijuana's medical efficacy is limited in clinical or scientific
3 evidence and is anecdotal or observational; and

4 WHEREAS, Several marijuana extracts seem to demonstrate
5 significant benefits for pain control, treatment of childhood epileptic
6 seizures, and other beneficial effects, often with fewer side effects than
7 prescription drugs, and without use dependence; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorado has an unprecedented opportunity to
9 provide the United States with scientific-based, peer-reviewed clinical
10 medical research that could lead to a medical consensus regarding
11 marijuana's medical efficacy to treat a number of chronic and debilitating
12 medical conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, Colorado is proposing to spend up to \$10 million
14 studying marijuana's medical efficacy in Senate Bill 14-155; and

15 WHEREAS, Federal law currently significantly restricts state
16 research institutions that receive federal funding from conducting
17 controlled clinical trials regarding marijuana's medical efficacy; now,
18 therefore,

19 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
20 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

21 That the United States Congress is hereby memorialized to provide
22 statutory relief to grant Colorado research institutions the authority to
23 conduct controlled clinical and objective medical research trials regarding
24 marijuana's medical efficacy.

25 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent
26 to each member of the Colorado Congressional delegation, the speaker of
27 the United States House of Representatives, and the president of the
28 United States Senate.