

TAKE A STAND FOR SENSIBLE DRUG LAWS!

Action Alert: June 27, 2006

- **Presbyterian Church (USA) Endorses Medical Marijuana**
- **Important Vote in Congress Tomorrow: Stop DEA from Arresting Patients Who Use Medical Marijuana Legally**

Birmingham, AL, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) became the latest religious body to endorse legal access to medical marijuana for seriously ill patients. By consensus, the denomination passed a resolution "**urging Federal legislation that allows for its use and that provides for the production and distribution of the plant for those purposes.**"

The Church joins other religious denominations, including the **United Methodist Church**, the **Progressive National Baptist Convention**, the **Episcopal Church**, the **Union for Reform Judaism**, the **Unitarian Universalist Association**, the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, and the **United Church of Christ** also support legislation protecting patients from arrest.

Important Vote in Congress Tomorrow

Washington D.C., The US House of Representatives will vote again **Tomorrow, June 28** on the Hinchey-Rohrabacher medical marijuana amendment, which if passed will forbid the US Dept. of Justice from raiding, arresting, or prosecuting medical marijuana patients who are complying with state laws.

Eleven states -- Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Washington -- have all enacted medical marijuana laws in recent years.

Medical organizations such as the **American Nurses Association** and the **American Academy of Family Physicians** support legal access to medical marijuana with a doctor's recommendation.

Read the [medical marijuana briefing paper](#) on the DFPKS web site to learn more about the issue,

Blocking patients from receiving needed medicine -- threatening them with arrest, prosecution and incarceration -- is senseless and cruel.

None of the Kansas Delegation have voted for the Amendment even though 161 Representatives supported it last year, including a number of Republicans.

Won't you urge your Kansas Representative to vote YES this year?

Click [here](#) to send a message to your US Representative.

DPFKS's challenge is to educate and promote debate in Kansas about public health and cost-effective alternatives to criminalizing drug addiction and adults who use drugs responsibly. Won't you help us by becoming a member or [donating](#) toward our operating costs?

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