

# House Concurrent Resolution 6 - Introduced

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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1 A Concurrent Resolution opposing barriers to conducting  
2 research on the use of cannabis to treat medical  
3 conditions and illnesses.

4 WHEREAS, citizens across the country are using  
5 cannabis to treat a variety of medical conditions and  
6 illnesses, and it is becoming increasingly accessible,  
7 despite the dearth of scientific research that exists  
8 on its efficacy overall, and its efficacy as impacted  
9 by dosage amounts, drug interactions, drug composition,  
10 and drug side effects; and

11 WHEREAS, federal statutory and regulatory barriers  
12 have prevented thorough research on the use of cannabis  
13 to treat medical conditions and illnesses, and these  
14 barriers have undermined the ability of states to  
15 obtain clear, well-researched scientific evidence  
16 relevant to use of cannabis for medical purposes; and

17 WHEREAS, it is time for the federal government to  
18 recognize the serious public policy risks borne from  
19 lack of medical, public health, and pharmaceutical  
20 research into cannabis and its use for medical  
21 purposes; and

22 WHEREAS, the federal government has a duty to  
23 protect its citizens by promoting research on the  
24 medicinal value, if any, of cannabis to treat a variety  
25 of medical conditions and illnesses; and

26 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to  
27 protect the health and well-being of all people and to  
28 propose statutory and regulatory actions to accomplish

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1 that end; NOW THEREFORE,

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
3 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly of the  
4 State of Iowa hereby urges the United States Congress  
5 to take immediate steps to promote and actively  
6 pursue scientific research and testing into the use of  
7 cannabis to treat medical conditions and illnesses by  
8 removing the federal statutory and regulatory barriers  
9 that prevent these scientific endeavors; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
11 Resolution be sent to the President of the United  
12 States, the President of the United States Senate, the  
13 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
14 and to each member of Iowa's congressional delegation.