**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2018**

**RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT COUNTYWIDE ADVISORY**

**REFERENDUM ON LEGALIZATION OF MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED MARIJUANA**

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| ***Background:*** Medical marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin, however, many studies and reports have demonstrated that medical marijuana can be an effective tool for managing chronic pain and a variety of other illnesses. Medical marijuana is clearly safer than opiates as it is impossible to overdose on and far less addictive according to Harvard Health Publishing. Medical marijuana appears to ease the pain of multiple sclerosis, lessen tremors in Parkinson’s disease, along with easing the pain of fibromyalgia, endometriosis, and interstitial cystitis. It is used successfully for nausea, weight loss, glaucoma, Crohn’s disease, epilepsy, and Rett syndrome.  In order to determine whether the people of Sauk County believe medical marijuana should be legalized so people have the ability to seek the best medical care for their needs in consultation with their physician, the County Board will conduct a countywide advisory referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 59.52(25), in the Fall Election on November 6, 2018. |
| **Fiscal Impact: [ X ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted** |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sauk County Board of

Supervisors, met in regular session, authorizes the following countywide advisory referendum be placed on the November 6, 2018, ballot:

The question shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Should the State of Wisconsin legalize medical marijuana so that people with debilitating medical conditions may access medical marijuana if they have a prescription from a licensed Wisconsin physician?

A “yes” vote indicates you agree.

A “no” vote indicates you disagree.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on July 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

**EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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**PETER VEDRO, Chairperson WILLIAM HAMBRECHT**

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