

Resolution 19-05.198

END FEDERAL CANNABIS PROHIBITION

WHEREAS the voters of California in 2016 passed Proposition 64 to legalize the limited private and licensed industrial cultivation, manufacture, transportation, sale and possession of cannabis, setting the stage to create a major new market worth billions of dollars, tens of thousands of new jobs, and hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenues to be used for education, health care and other public works projects, and

WHEREAS polls have shown majorities of American citizens throughout the United States regardless of party affiliation or lack of party affiliation supporting the legalization, regulation and taxation of cannabis, and

WHEREAS federal law continues to prohibit the possession and sale of cannabis making criminals out of otherwise law-abiding citizens, resulting in racially biased enforcement, destroying families and communities and only benefiting criminals who continue to profit from its illegal status under federal law while preventing the development of the interstate commerce of cannabis and a valuable new market for California farmers and manufacturers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the immediate end of the federal prohibition of cannabis,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to expedite this process in the name of justice and evidence-based public policy, the California Democratic Party encourages all California Congressional Delegation members to support and become members of the bi-partisan Congressional Cannabis Caucus.

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