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**Marijuana Control Board**

**Resolution Adopting the Enforcement Priorities Listed in the US Department  
of Justice Memorandum Dated August 19, 2013, from James M. Cole, Deputy  
Attorney General (Cole Memorandum)**

*Adopted (passed 4-0) on April 4, 2018*

WHEREAS, the cultivation, sale, manufacture, and testing of marijuana is legal in the State of Alaska subject to state statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marijuana Control Board is charged with enforcing Alaska Statutes Chapter 17.38 – Regulation of Marijuana; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marijuana Control Board has adopted regulations to meet the requirements of AS 17.38, and

WHEREAS, throughout the regulations development process, and continuing into the consideration and regulation of licenses, the Board has accepted the US Department of Justice Cole Memorandum as identifying principles that are consistent with our statutes and relevant to our responsibilities as the regulating entity; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marijuana Control Board wishes to adopt the enforcement priorities listed in the Cole Memorandum because it contains principles that reflect responsible commercial development by legitimate taxpaying business people and safeguard the public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Marijuana Control Board that the following principles are adopted and shall be considered in all its deliberations:

The Board is committed to preventing the distribution of marijuana to minors; and

The Board is committed to preventing revenue from the sale of marijuana from going to criminal enterprises, gangs, and cartels; and

The Board is committed to preventing the illegal diversion of legal marijuana from Alaska to other states, provinces, territories, or countries; and

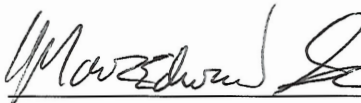
The Board is committed to preventing state-licensed marijuana activity from being used as a cover or pretext for trafficking of other illegal drugs or illegal activity; and

The Board is committed to taking actions to prevent violence and the unlawful use of firearms in the cultivation and distribution of marijuana; and

The Board will work with appropriate agencies in the State of Alaska to prevent drugged driving and the exacerbation of other adverse public health consequences associated with marijuana use; and

The Board is committed to preventing the cultivation of marijuana on Federal Public Lands and the attendant public safety and environmental dangers posed by unlicensed marijuana production on Federal Public Lands; and

The Board will cooperate with appropriate State and Federal agencies to discourage the possession and use of marijuana on Federal property.



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