

4 - DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK TO PLACE THE REFERENDUM QUESTION
5 CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION REGARDING LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS ON
6 THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 BALLOT-

7 WHEREAS, A non-binding advisory referendum can gauge public opinion and give voters
8 an opportunity to learn about a public health issue that will likely be before the legislature; and

9 WHEREAS Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington have
10 legalized adult personal use of marijuana, and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of
11 cannabis; and

12 WHEREAS, Vermont and the District of Columbia have legalized limited personal
13 possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults; and

14 WHEREAS, Michigan and Illinois may fully legalize and tax cannabis within the next
15 year; and

16 WHEREAS, in order to determine whether the people of Eau Claire County support or
17 oppose the legalization of cannabis, the County Board may conduct a countywide advisory
18 referendum, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 59.52(25), in the Fall Election on November 6, 2018.

19 WHEREAS, other Wisconsin Counties will be offering advisory cannabis referendums
20 for their constituents' consideration on November 6, 2018.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
22 Supervisors authorizes the following countywide advisory referendum be placed on the
23 November 6, 2018 ballot:

24 Should cannabis:

25 (Please select only one of the alternatives below or your vote will be invalid)

26 _____(a) Be legal for adult, 21 years of age and older, recreational or medical use,
27 taxed and regulated like alcohol, with the proceeds from the taxes used for education,
28 healthcare, and infrastructure in Wisconsin?

29 _____(b) Be legal for medical purposes only and available only by prescription
30 through a medical dispensary?

31 _____(c) Remain a criminally illegal drug as provided under current law?
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs
35 the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators
36 representing Eau Claire county and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Committee on Administration

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46 Dated this _____ day of _____, 2018.