RESOLUTION NO. 15-01108

In the matter of opposing State Issue Three which grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes. County Commissioners’ Office, Wood County, Ohio October 6, 2015

WHEREAS, State Issue Three places in the Ohio Constitution a billion-dollar marijuana monopoly for a small group of wealthy investors, gives them exclusive rights to commercial marijuana profits in Ohio, and insulates them from any business competition or act of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, State Issue Three permits investors to set their own preferential tax rates directly in the Ohio Constitution, rates that cannot be changed by the legislature like those on beer, wine and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, State Issue Three puts our children at risk by legalizing marijuana-infused products like candy and cookies, which often have dangerously high levels of THC, and are shown to be highly tempting to children, including very young children; and

WHEREAS, State Issue Three poses severe public safety and workforce competitiveness concerns and will burden current social service and drug treatment programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Wood County, Ohio, opposes State Issue Three which grants a monopoly for the commercial production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes

Commissioner Kuhlman moved and Commissioner Lahote seconded the resolution and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

CRAIG LAHOTE YES JOEL M. KUHLMAN YES DORIS I. HERRINGSHAW YES

Attest: Sandy H. Goddard Clerk of said Board