



**Personal Responsibility Amendment  
Michigan Constitutional Initiative  
A Declaration of Independence  
...for the *next* thousand years!**

302,711 signatures needed between Jan 14, 2000 and July 10, 2000  
to place the proposal on the November 7, 2000 ballot

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***Asserting the Private Jurisdiction  
of the Individual and Family***

**Article 1-Declaration Of Rights , Section 25-Personal Responsibility**

A) *We the People of the State of Michigan declare* that we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all individuals are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain fundamental rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and therefore, to secure these rights and to honor the private jurisdiction of the individual and family, it is decreed that the Michigan Constitution, and all laws of the State of Michigan, shall be strictly construed in the interest of personal responsibility, private liberty and the preservation of truth and the rule of law; and that the provisions of this section are severable; if any provision or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected; and that

B) Marijuana prohibition and forfeiture laws tend to corrupt government and erode respect for the rule of law and individual free will. Freedom of conscience includes the personal responsibility to exercise self-restraint and to assume the risk of any harmful and debilitating personal consequences that could result from the abuse of marijuana, alcohol, or tobacco. It is not the proper role of a limited government to interfere with the discretion of adults exercising informed personal judgment, but only to prevent and redress acts of injustice to others through reasonable regulations. *Medical marijuana use can be considered beneficial* in addressing persistent nausea, vomiting, wasting syndrome or loss of appetite associated with *chemotherapy or radiation cancer therapy or the treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)*, where swallowed medicine might be impractical, or in reducing intraocular pressure associated with *glaucoma*, or for controlling *seizures or persistent spasms associated with chronic, debilitating diseases, such as epilepsy, multiple sclerosis (M.S.), Tourett's syndrome* or other similar conditions. It is not within the jurisdiction of the government to compel competent adults or medical professionals to accept or reject marijuana use as medicine or otherwise; people are free to follow the dictates their own judgement or morality in this regard, and therefore

C) *Except with respect to any incident involving operation of any motor vehicle or machine, parole or probation violation, incarcerated persons, a claim for any harm to the person or property of another, or any commercial activity, no person shall suffer punishment, forfeiture, license sanction or legal consequence in connection with the limited personal use and possession of marijuana (genus cannabis) so long as it is a personal amount not to exceed 3 mature plants, seedlings, and 3 ounces of dried usable marijuana preparation, within the curtilage of a person's private residence (or place of private residential medical confinement only if incident to treatment of a diagnosed bonafide serious and debilitating medical condition, as described above, in direct consultation with a licensed physician) in a non-public manner not readily accessible by or visible to minor children, and either i) incident to treatment of a diagnosed bonafide serious and debilitating medical condition, as described above, by a person under 21 years old, in direct consultation with a licensed physician and with written consent of a custodial parent or guardian in the case of a minor or incompetent person, or ii) by a competent adult at least 21 years old for any personal reason; and that*

D) The gross proceeds of any drug, alcohol, or gambling related asset forfeiture, and any federal funds, personnel, or other valuable federal government resources (except record access) derived from or relating to illicit drug law enforcement, shall not be used for or by state or local law enforcement agencies or for any purpose other than voluntary Personal Responsibility Education Programs for domestic violence, gambling, drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse awareness and treatment. The gross proceeds to any governmental entity from any asset forfeiture, public tort action or claim, or negotiated settlement thereof, shall be considered a component of Total State Revenue. Any person may obtain injunctive relief in the Michigan Court of Appeals to enforce this measure, and costs and actual attorney fees shall be taxed to the state for any substantial violation hereof.

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