



TO: Public Protection & Judiciary Committee

FROM: Patrick Thompson, County Administrator
Scott Knudson, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office

DATE: August 3, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: Opposition to Cannabis Referendum by Law Enforcement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Local Police Departments and St. Croix County Sheriff as a united group submit to the Public Protection & Judiciary committee a letter of opposition to the pending referendum on cannabis.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING OPPOSITION TO THE
REFERENDUM VOTE ON THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

It has come to our attention that the St. Croix County Board is contemplating a non-binding referendum on the upcoming ballot. The St. Croix County Law Enforcement Executive Committee believes that this process should be first handled at the Federal level, then, if marijuana use becomes federally lawful, with the State of Wisconsin.

The St. Croix County Law Enforcement Executive Committee understands that the State of Wisconsin is at a potential crossroads in reference to the legalization of marijuana cultivation and use. We, as a group, feel strongly that legalized marijuana use will negatively impact all facets of our community.

The St. Croix County Law Enforcement Executives is an informal group that meets bi-monthly to discuss issues of common concern. The group represents local law enforcement partners from within St. Croix County.

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