

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MEDICAL CANNABIS, IN-STATE ACCESS AND EXPANDED DIAGNOSES FOR
PRESCRIBING**

WHEREAS, HB1 was passed in 2015 which allowed for the possession and use of Medical Cannabis in oil form and with specific concentrations of CBD and THC in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican Party platform specifically calls out “Ensuring Consumer Choice in Healthcare” as a plank of our shared beliefs in addition to “believe that taking care of one’s health is an individual responsibility” we should be promoting, embracing and using new and innovative treatments that have been proven by numerous peer-reviewed studies to have tangible and immediate benefits; and

WHEREAS, doctors along with informed parents and patients should be solely responsible for theirs and their families’ healthcare decisions regarding prescription treatment options without interference from government at ANY level; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 2016 GAGOP Convention strongly suggest that our Republican-led legislative bodies act to study meaningful Medical Cannabis legislation, including in-state access and additional longitudinal medical studies, that grants all patients suffering from the conditions listed in HB1 (2015) & HB722/SB145 (2016) who, according to their physician, would benefit from the consumption of Medical Cannabis oil access to said oil.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convention secretary of the Georgia Republican Party is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Congressmen of the 14 Congressional Districts of Georgia, Lt. Governor Casey Cagle and Senate President Pro Tempore David Shafer, House Speaker David Ralston and Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones, Attorney General Samuel Olens and Governor Nathan Deal.

ADOPTED THIS DAY, June 4th, 2016 by the dutifully elected delegates to the 2016 Georgia Republican Convention in Augusta, GA.

Upon passage of this resolution at the State Convention or by State Committee we request this resolution shall be posted for a minimum of five years on the GAGOP website in a readily accessible location as a downloadable document.