

2020 Platform Resolution PACG Drug Policy Forum

Issue: Marijuana/Cannabis Decriminalization

Whereas Iowa is seriously lagging behind the 26 states and the District of Columbia that have stopped jailing and criminalizing residents for possessing small amounts of marijuana;

Whereas under current Iowa law, first-offense possession of even a single joint is punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, one of the most severe first-offense penalties in the country; and

Whereas these draconian penalties hit low-income and communities of color the hardest and, according to the ACLU, people of color in Iowa are almost eight times more likely to be arrested for marijuana prohibition than their white counterparts; now, be it

Resolved that lawmakers support reducing or eliminating marijuana/cannabis possession penalties, and putting an end marijuana/cannabis prohibition.

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