

INTRODUCTION TO THE RESOLUTION

On February 26, 1993 a group of concerned citizens met at the Hoover Institution on the campus of Stanford University and unanimously passed a resolution which recommends that our country investigate the possibility of change in the way we handle our drug problems. The Resolution, which recommends that these medical and social problems be treated with medical and social solutions, is attached hereto. As you can see, it further recommends that one final Blue Ribbon Commission be immediately empowered by the President to recommend revisions of the drug laws of these United States to reduce the harm caused by these drug problems. The original signers of the Resolution are as follows:

Dr. Milton Friedman	Nobel laureate; Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Chicago; Senior Research Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford, CA
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Judge James P. Gray	Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, CA
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Donald McNamara	Investment Consultant, New York, NY
Richard Arthur	Educator, Former Principal of Castlemont High School, Oakland, CA; Author of <u>Gangs and Schools</u> , Richmond, CA
Howard Levine	Office of the Mayor, Baltimore, MD
* Kurt L. Schmoke	Mayor, City of Baltimore, Maryland
* George P. Shultz	Former United States Secretary of State, Hoover Institution, Stanford, CA

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Whereas, the overall situation regarding the use of drugs in our society and the crime and misery that accompany it has continued to deteriorate for several decades; and

Whereas, our society has continued to attempt, at enormous financial cost and loss of civil liberties, to resolve drug abuse problems through the criminal justice system, with the accompanying increase of prisons and numbers of inmates; and

Whereas, the huge untaxed revenues generated by the illicit drug trade are undermining legitimate governments world-wide; and

Whereas, the present system has spawned a cycle of hostility by the incarceration of disproportionate numbers of African-Americans, Hispanics, and other minority groups; and

Whereas, the number of people who have contracted AIDS, hepatitis, and other diseases from contaminated hypodermic needles is epidemic under our present system; and

Whereas, in our society's zeal to pursue our criminal approach, legitimate medical uses for the relief of pain and suffering of patients have been suppressed;

Therefore be it resolved that our society must recognize drug use and abuse as the medical and social problems that they are, and that they must be treated with medical and social solutions; and

Further be it resolved that an objective commission be immediately empowered by the President and by Congress to recommend revisions of the drug laws of these United States in order to reduce the harm our current policies are causing.

Signature

Date

Name

E-Mail Address

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Title

City, State and Zip

Organization

Please submit your completed Resolution by return e-mail message. Also please forward this to others, or make copies of the Resolution and distribute them to others. Mail the signed copies to the Drug Policy Alliance, 70 West 36th Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10018.

Thank you! With your help, our country will establish this Blue Ribbon Commission, and then begin to pursue options that will reduce the harms that are caused by the presence of these sometimes dangerous and addicting drugs in our communities.

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