Resolution to Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Examine the Legalization of Marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Approved by the District Attorneys:  April 15, 2015

WHEREAS, marijuana advocacy groups are promoting the full legalization of marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, the eleven elected District Attorneys unanimously oppose all efforts to further legalize marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the research and data from the medical, scientific and law enforcement communities are vital to the public’s understanding of the precise impact marijuana has on the health and safety of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorneys have grave concerns regarding the consequences marijuana has on the health, development and well-being of children and adolescent youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District Attorneys respectfully request Governor Baker and Attorney General Healey to establish a commission of respected scholars, professionals and practitioners to examine the exact effects of marijuana use and legalization on the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.