



Kansas Association for the Blind And Visually Impaired

RESOLUTION 03-07

WHEREAS, there is a compelling body of scientifically conducted medical research documenting that cannabis has therapeutic impacts in lowering glaucoma pain and pressure, and that cannabis can therefore assist glaucoma sufferers in retaining vision, and also reducing pain and discomfort caused by glaucoma; and

WHEREAS the National academy of Science: Institute of Medicine has reviewed relevant research and concluded that there are some circumstances in which use of cannabis is a legitimate medical treatment, and

WHEREAS, the American Council of the Blind (ACB) has been on record as supporting the medical use of cannabis as an option for treatment of glaucoma subsequent to ACB's adoption of Resolution 85-20 in 1985, and

WHEREAS the Kansas Compassionate Care Coalition will be introducing legislation in the 2008 session of the Kansas Legislature which would permit use of cannabis for medical purposes, when prescribed and monitored by licensed physicians in Kansas, and

WHEREAS former Kansas Attorney General, Robert T. Stephan, has sent a letter to the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (KABVI) expressing his support for use of cannabis for medical purposes in Kansas, when prescribed and monitored by a Kansas physician, and has asked KABVI to support legislation to permit this practice.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by KABVI, in convention assembled this 19th day of October, 2007, that this organization directs its officers, staff, and Legislative Committee to support, and offer affirmative testimony, concerning Legislation addressing use of cannabis for medical purposes that is supported by the Kansas Compassionate Care Coalition and by former Attorney General Stephan.