RESOLUTION NO. 1391

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE TO LEGALIZE MANUFACTURE, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION OF MARIJUANA

WHEREAS a group called "The Anonymous Committee for the Abolition of the Prohibition against Marijuana" has commenced action to amend the Constitution of the State of California to legalize the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, and transportation of marijuana within the State of California; and

WHEREAS this group has chosen to remain anonymous; and

WHEREAS it is known that the use of marijuana leads to the use of hard narcotics such as heroin as the addict's tolerance and his need for more and stronger narcotics increases; and

WHEREAS experience in England with the so-called "British System" of providing drugs for addicts has shown that the legalizing of drugs in any form results in theirincreased use and spread to greater numbers of people; and

WHEREAS the legalizing of marijuana will subject untold numbers of our citizens to the personal tragedy and suffering of becoming dependent upon the use of marijuana and as a result thereof to addiction to heroin; and

WHEREAS the legalizing of marijuana would subject our citizens to the violent and unpredictable criminal tendencies of persons under the influence of marijuana; and

WHEREAS it is well established that the use of narcotics leads to criminal behavior which is often vicious and senseless; and

WHEREAS the people of the State of California are entitled to be protected against the criminal activities of narcotic users; and

WHEREAS the legalizing of marijuana would serve only to compound what is now one of the most serious and complex problems facing the State of California and would create a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS the refusal of the group sponsoring this monstrous petition to identify themselves constitutes an abuse of the initiative process,

BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles strenuously opposes the proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by "The Anonymous Committee for the Abolition of the Prohibition against Marijuana" and opposes the measure if it qualifies for the ballot;

That this City Council urges all cities and counties in this State to join in opposing this vicious amendment.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 1966.

Barney Schwartz
MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK