



**Mental Health  
Recovery Board**  
Serving Warren & Clinton Counties

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## Resolution Declaring Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren and Clinton Counties' Opposition to November 7, 2023 Ballot Issue 2

**Whereas**, Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties (the "Board") is a duly organized board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services under Chapter 340 of the Ohio Revised Code ("R.C."); and,

**Whereas**, pursuant to R.C. § 340.03(A)(1)(b), part of the Board's statutory responsibilities, in cooperation with other local and regional planning and funding bodies, is to evaluate strengths and challenges regarding addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports facing the Board's service area; and,

**Whereas**, Issue 2, a proposed citizen-initiated statute legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in the State of Ohio, is on the upcoming November 7, 2023 general election ballot; and,

**Whereas**, in filling its statutory duty to evaluate strengths and challenges regarding addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports facing its service area, the Board engaged in discussions among its members, staff, and community partners regarding specific challenges that may occur directly from potential passage of Issue 2; and,

**Whereas**, the Board desires to declare its opposition to the legalization and commercialization of recreational marijuana established by Issue 2 given the unique challenges that would directly affect the Board's continuum of care and service area.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties, a majority of members thereto concurring, the following:

**SECTION 1:** Mental Health Recovery Board of Warren & Clinton Counties hereby opposes the legalization and commercialization of marijuana for recreational purposes. Regulation and oversight of any mood-altering substance or potential medication should be subject to rigorous research, based on effective policy, and oversight by