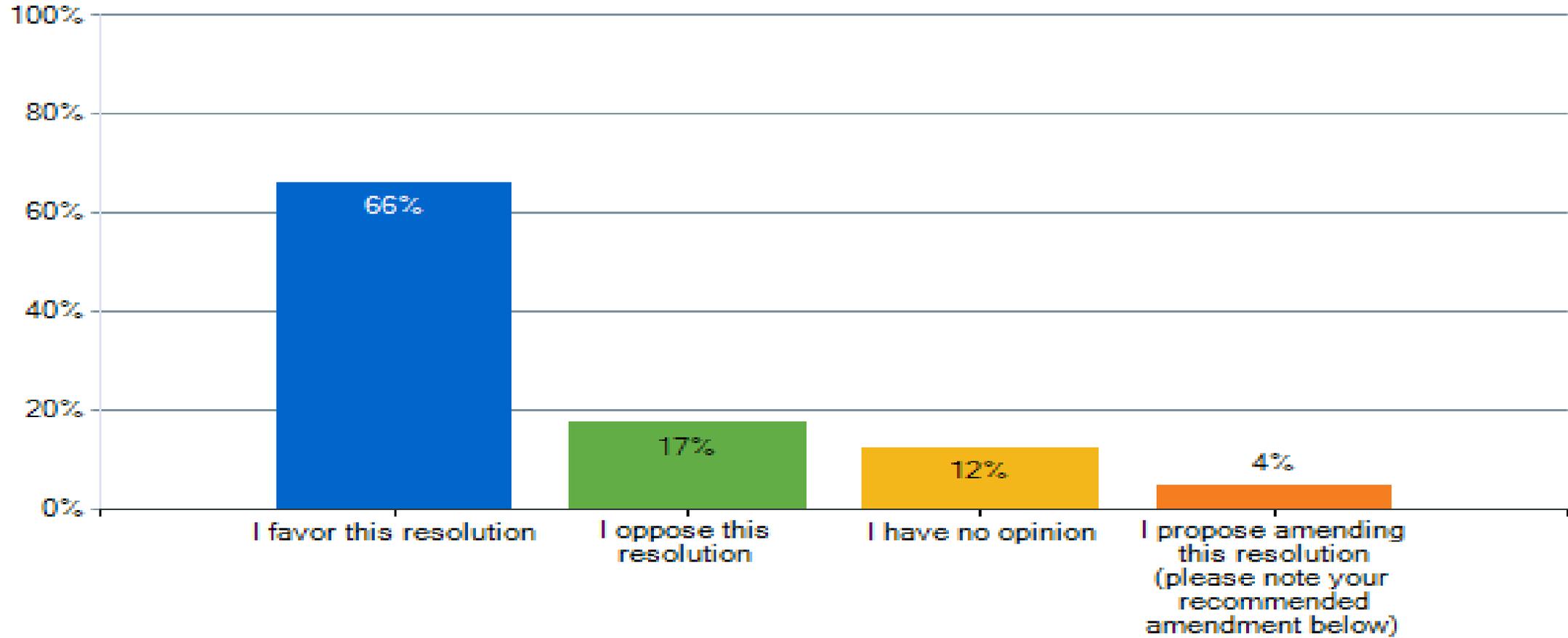
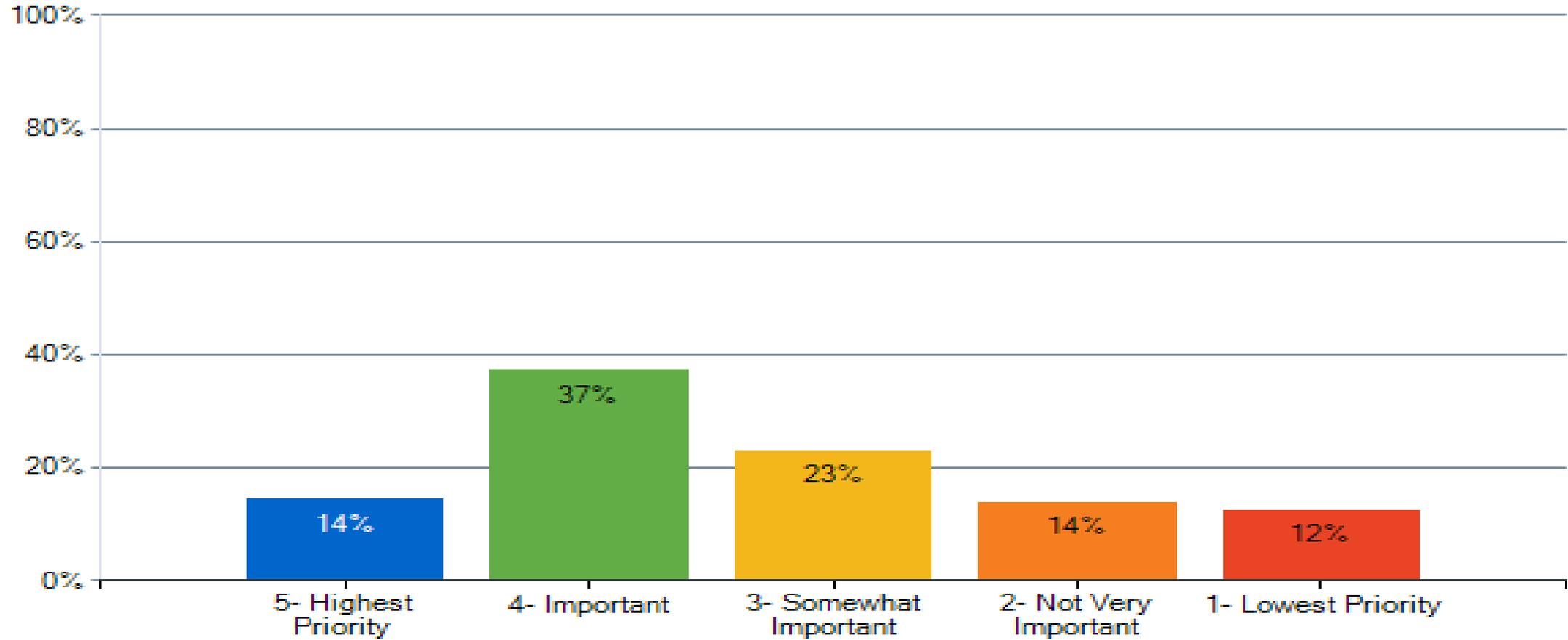


# Limiting the Potency of Delta-9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to 10% in Recreational Cannabis Products



156 responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



154 responses

**Survey Title: Resolutions 4 Comments**

Q1. Comments		
SR No.	Response No.	Response Text
1	2	This is a political problem, not a medical one. This is the same as prohibition; there are a multitude of ways around it. Pot is still against federal law. Illinois should have had more sense than to legalize it in the first place. Anything the AMA gets involved in turns to [redacted]. Haven't paid dues to them since 1990. They started becoming "woke" way back then.
2	13	I don't think this is really an appropriate use if ISMS resources. More recreational drug regulation will simply fuel the black market further, and frankly the cap sounds ludicrous.
3	22	But why 10% vs 8% or less? And how does potency affect dosing/use? Looks like almost none of our other MJ policies have been effective. Would much rather see some action on existing issues.
4	28	I think our position has the potential to have impact. I don't see any citations and I cannot look up the articles referenced in the whereas clauses so I have no way of validating those claims. The traffic accident claim is similarly not cited.
5	30	There is no evidence of true form of verification to support this measure. This is arbitrary and not evidence based
6	34	It seems that the lower the better and safer now that mind altering cannabis is legal.
7	36	I don't know the % characteristics so no comment on % but in general don't favor these drugs
8	40	This policy is unrealistic. 10% is extremely low and you would be hard pressed to find any inhalable products, including marijuana flower, with this low of THC content. I am in favor of regulating THC to lower levels but 10% is ridiculous.
9	42	What is the science supporting this? How does this influence or medical cannabis population if we're addressing recreational use?
10	61	What is the availability of THC potency across the country? Is 10% strong or weak? What concentration is usually smoked?
11	71	Perhaps precise labeling of product is more reasonable goal. Do we ask ISMS to encourage limitation of nicotine in tobacco ?
12	80	I opposed legalization of marijuana and continue to advise my patients to avoid/stop these products and continue to attempt to educate anyone I can on the folly of viewing these products as safe or okay....in my view, organized medicine-including ISMS/AMA -fell short in their duty to the public in not more strenuously opposing recreational pot, so any effort to limit the damage would be appreciated.
13	98	There should be regulation such that we have quality control standards and know what percent potency is in the products. I have no knowledge or opinion about an upper limit of potency.

14	111	I do not think that the medical society should at all be involved with this.
15	121	If 10% or higher may be a higher risk for psychosis, why cap at 10%? Should it be a lower percentage cap than that? Is there agreed upon "safe" percentage? What about different age groups and caps? Teenagers versus Adults versus Older Adults versus use for certain medical issues? And there are so many varieties of cannabis that it is unclear how one would reasonably implement "quality control", including measuring level of cannabis in such. I think there needs to be further study/ clarification to determine how best to regulate this. This proposal is too simplistic and absolute in a way that doesn't take into account the complexity of this topic.
16	122	Truth in advertising is always a good thing.
17	123	Agree
18	125	This is not a good idea. It may encourage illegal THC production.
19	128	The ISMS currently caps THC to 15% in products, and discourages recreational inhalation and ingestion use in general. My question is whether the resolution should cap the 10% THC concentration based on Body weight. The side effects may vary based on these measurements. Perhaps the authors can address this on their resolution and submit an amended version.
20	130	This is reasonable.
21	132	I am NOT in favor of ANY legal pot. I do not know what the limit is now.
22	140	What studies have been done that suggest 10% is safe? Would like to hear about this prior to any decision.
23	145	High potency has higher risk of causing substance use disorder (i.e., addiction) and has higher association with schizophrenia (Lancet Psychiatry 2019). Marijuana was legalized 2 years ago. This means that we now have companies that push the product to get as many sales as possible. Marijuana of the 1970s had about 2-4% THC, probably closer to 2%. The average sold in Colorado now has about 19% THC. Because companies now concentrate the THC in their products, one can readily obtain products with above 90% THC (e.g., shatter, wax). Products are remarkably stronger now than in the past. THC content should be controlled to promote public health. Since marijuana is now legal, we need to start putting on controls just as has been done with tobacco. The point is not to re-outlaw it but to decrease the public health risks as much as possible. Legalizing marijuana normalizes it. That is clear from surveys over the past several years. The medical community needs to make clear to the public and particularly to the young that marijuana is not a 'safe' drug but instead is one that has consequences just as do alcohol and tobacco. Those consequences can be minimized by reducing potency of products.
24	146	Yes limit it. In my opinion get the crap off the legal market

25	149	It is a step toward some regulation of an addicting drug. Yes a percentage of people do become addicted and it is a gateway drug. My nephew became addicted in high school and this summer died at age 31. He suffered from paranoia a common effect of pot and was shot by police. So any attempt to regulate will get my vote
26	150	This resolution contains no sources for the data and arbitrarily lowers the percent when a percent content has already been researched and adopted by ISMS. Based on this resolution there is not sufficient evidence to change the existing policy. Also anyone quoting random statistics on traffic patterns and trying to make the argument that weed legalization (rather than COVID??? or speeding? or the growing number of unlicensed drivers?) was the change in people's driving patterns is terrible at science. This is so poorly written. The data is inaccurate: <a href="https://apps.dot.illinois.gov/FatalCrash/historicsnapshot.html">https://apps.dot.illinois.gov/FatalCrash/historicsnapshot.html</a> Resolutions must be evidence based. This applies to other claims made by the authors that seem to be a stretch of reason with again no evidence provided.
27	151	I suspect we will have ongoing discussions in this arena for years to come. The evolution toward purer preparations could allow for more precise dosing as well. The medical-recreational continuum has created some conflicted approaches. I still believe the alcohol regulation analogy is relevant, so I'm not sure arbitrary concentration laws are likely to be the most fruitful avenue to pursue.
28	174	It's a sad day when medicine is reduced to trying to put some limit on the potency of our 'opium dens'. The US (and even more the AMA) has a theological problem that will not be solved by politics and/or resolutions.
29	177	agree
30	186	I do not know what a "potency" number means - hence I do not know what a potency limit is; even where this has been adopted or suggested it is unclear if this is a product purity and I do not know that translates from one product to another <a href="https://mjbizdaily.com/marijuana-foes-seek-to-impose-thc-potency-caps-to-curb-industrys-growth/">https://mjbizdaily.com/marijuana-foes-seek-to-impose-thc-potency-caps-to-curb-industrys-growth/</a>
31	187	AGREE. I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT CANNABIS DISTRIBUTORS, PRODUCERS NOT BE ALLOWEWD TO ADVERTISE AS PER THE MORATORIUM ON CIGARETTE SALES. LARGE BILLBOARDS ADVERTISING CANNABIS STORES ARE REPELLENT. THERE SHOULD BE A WARNING ON INHALLED PRODUCTS ABOUT CARCINOGENICTY, (ALL SMOKE ITEMS). IT'S TIME TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE RISK OF THIS PRODUCT, AND REFRAIN FROM ADVERTISING.
32	188	What is the data upon which this is based. Seems without merit.
33	191	The whereas clauses do not make it clear enough how the 10% limit was established or what is the limit being sought in legislation in other states listed besides Vermont. This might help strengthen the resolution although the whereas clauses are not retained as policy.

34	192	Don't have enough knowledge to know if 10% is the right number (if Vermont is 30/60 this seems low though) but in general support some kind of limit
35	210	agree with the cap of 10%. provides a quality check for the product.
36	221	Thank God for our Toxicologist Physicians! While we were unable to stop legalization of recreational marijuana, this Resolution clearly provides rationale for at least causing the limitation of THC in products sold. Support this critically important resolution.
37	243	What, we monitor proof of alcohol, what can be served where, and percent of THC is ignored? My community had a whole group of high school kids sent to the ER thanks to potent THC gummies. Not sure we need any academic studies to place a limit like this on inhalation.