

## Marion County takes stances against marijuana clinics

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The Marion County Board of Commissioners has passed a resolution opposing the legalization of marijuana and the operation medical marijuana clinics.

The resolution, passed Wednesday, sets a direction for county policy and could lead to an outright ban on medical marijuana clinics in Marion County.

“We believe there is a detrimental effect to the health, safety, and, quite frankly, the peace of our community,” said Marion County Commissioner Patti Milne. Milne maintains state marijuana laws are in conflict with federal law. Communities are “scrambling to figure out” ways to effectively regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, she said.

County staff have started drafting an ordinance that would prohibit medical marijuana clinics in Marion County, Milne said. The issue could be on the commission’s agenda as early as Feb. 19, she said.