



## Proclamation

### Talk With Your Kids About NOT Using Marijuana Day

April 20, 2016

**WHEREAS**, marijuana is the most commonly used drug by youth in Washington State who seek treatment for substance use; and

**WHEREAS**, 21% of Stevenson-Carson School District students in grades 8 and 10 reported the use of marijuana during the past 30 days; and

**WHEREAS**, the 21% use of marijuana rate among Stevenson-Carson School District 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students is considered to be significantly higher than the Washington State average of 13%, and

**WHEREAS**, the 21% use of marijuana rate among Stevenson-Carson School District 8<sup>th</sup> and 10 grade students is considered to be a significant increase, from data last collected in 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, April 20 (4.20) has become known in cannabis culture as National Weed Day, with media coverage of this day suggesting that marijuana use is the norm and not harmful; and

**WHEREAS**, most Washington State adults and youth do not use marijuana; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that youth who begin using early and who use heavily are 4 times more likely than adults to become addicted; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who use marijuana are more likely to experience academic failure because marijuana interferes with attention, memory, and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, marijuana impairs driving because it impairs judgment, coordination, and reaction time; yet many youth in Washington State do not perceive driving under the influence of marijuana to be a risky activity; and

**WHEREAS**, parents have strong influence on their children's decision whether or not to use drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, parents communicating with their kids about not using marijuana will mean that more youth will grow up healthy and reach their full potential;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Board of Commissioners of Skamania County, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2016 as

### **TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT NOT USING MARIJUANA DAY**

in Skamania County, and we urge all parents and guardians to join us in this important observance by having a frank family conversation about marijuana on April 20, 2016 using straightforward, factual information from websites such as [www.starttalkingnow.org](http://www.starttalkingnow.org) and [www.learnaboutmarijuanawa.org](http://www.learnaboutmarijuanawa.org) as their guide.

ATTEST:



*Debbie Shaw*

Clerk of the Board

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SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Skamania County Prosecuting Attorney

Aye  
Nay  
Abstain  
Absent

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