

Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals: Statement in support of Gov. Evers proposal to legalize medical marijuana

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Milwaukee, WI—"Governor Evers is doing the right thing for Wisconsinites by moving forward to legalize medical marijuana.

Families in Wisconsin deserve the right to legally access medical marijuana to alleviate a wide variety of symptoms related to medical conditions, such as cancer, glaucoma, and seizures. Patients that need medication should not be treated as criminals.

Access to medical marijuana is an especially important tool in our state's battle to fight the opioid epidemic, which has needlessly destroyed the lives of too many.

Medical marijuana has also been shown to be helpful for disorders uniquely impacting veterans, including post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic pain, which is why legalization of medical marijuana is supported by the American Legion.

In addition, WFNHP praises Governor Evers' proposal to decriminalize possession, manufacturing or distribution of marijuana in certain circumstances. Wisconsin continues to have the highest incarceration rate in the country for black men and drug-related crime. The Governor's plan will be a significant step forward to address the social and racial aspects of marijuana use.

Governor Evers' proposal to legalize medical marijuana is supported by an overwhelming majority of Wisconsinites including Democrats, Republicans, and

Independents alike. It is time for our state to join the nearly 30 other states that have legalized medical marijuana. It is a health care policy whose time has come.”