

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS  
HEMP-DERIVED THC, KRATOM, AND TIANEPTINE PRODUCTS**

**WHEREAS**, following the passage of the Federal 2018 Agricultural Improvement Act, synthetic and chemical processes allow for the creation of psychoactive hemp products with effects similar to cannabis that are not regulated as similarly psychoactive cannabis products, such as products containing high concentrations of Delta-8 THC; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has warned the public that Delta-8 THC products: may be marketed in ways that put the public health at risk; are associated with a number of adverse events and poison control exposure cases; may have been created through chemical processes that leave harmful by-products and in uncontrolled or unsanitary manufacturing settings; and may be packaged in ways that are appealing to children; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 *Monitoring the Future* survey of 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students in the United States found that 11.4% self-reported the use of Delta-8-THC products, which may pose risks to adolescents including addiction, neurodevelopmental changes, acute psychiatric reactions from accidental overdosing, and exposure to toxic byproducts generated during the synthesis of Delta-8 THC; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration states that kratom has “no legitimate medical use,” “can lead to addiction” and “psychotic symptoms that included hallucinations, delusion, and confusion” and “has been associated with numerous cases of overdose and fatalities;” and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration states that tianeptine is abused for its “euphoric properties similar to other opioids” and that “severe adverse health effects, including respiratory depression, severe sedation, and death have occurred from the misuse of tianeptine;” and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has, at various times, warned consumers not to use all of the foregoing substances due to public health concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has not scheduled, prohibited, or regulated the sale of any of the foregoing substances except to prohibit the sale of kratom to persons under the age of 18 (720 ILCS 642/); and

**WHEREAS**, for the foregoing reasons, on October 22, 2024, the City of Rolling Meadows adopted Ordinance No. 24-46 to ban the retail sale of hemp-derived THC, kratom, and tianeptine products within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of these products would be, and should be, more effectively addressed throughout the State of Illinois by the Illinois General Assembly in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois and particularly those persons under 21 years of age.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as the findings of the Corporate Authorities of the City.

**Section 2.** The City of Rolling Meadows urges the Illinois General Assembly to adopt legislation concerning the proliferation of hemp-derived THC, kratom, and tianeptine products within the State of Illinois.

**Section 3.** The City Manager is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to members of the General Assembly representing residents of the City.

**Section 4.** This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook County, Illinois this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024.

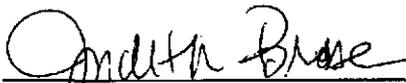
AYES: Boucher, Reyez, Koehler, McHale, Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

  
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Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk