

**ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION**

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2018, the ACCF Legislation Committee introduced a resolution to the ACCF membership recommending that the Virginia General Assembly decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Subsequently, President Duke Banks referred the resolution to the Legislation Committee and the Public Services Committee Chair, Jackie Snelling, for review. Members of the Legislation Committee met with Arlington Police Chief Jay Farr and Commonwealth's Attorney Theo Stamos to discuss the resolution as well as arrest data relating to marijuana possession charges.

On January 6, 2019, the Legislation Committee held a meeting and invited Ms. Snelling to provide input on the resolution in her capacity as Chair of the Public Services Committee. Ms. Snelling reported that the Public Services Committee had not yet been fully reconstituted, however her suggested revisions were incorporated by the Legislation Committee and recirculated the new revisions to the Legislation Committee and Ms. Snelling. No further comment on the revised resolution has been received from the Public Services Committee.

The resolution has undergone intensive review since first introduced. The revised resolution set forth below has the unanimous support of the Legislation Committee.