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Majority of Florida Voters Who Supported Amendment 2 Expect Limited Dispensaries & Many Oppose Recreational Marijuana

Tallahassee, Fla. – A recent poll conducted by Tony Fabrizio of Fabrizio, Lee & Associates found that a majority of general election voters believe support for Amendment 2 would bring a limited number of medical marijuana dispensaries in Florida, and that a minority of the same voters would currently vote for the recreational use of marijuana.

A clear majority of voters, when asked what their expectation was regarding how many medical marijuana dispensaries would be allowed, felt that the state would limit the number of dispensaries.

Another question demonstrates that most voters would reject recreational marijuana, and that one in three Amendment 2 voters said they would vote against recreational marijuana.

“We hope the Legislature will respect the wisdom of the people and fight the bait-and-switch game recreational proponents are playing,” said Brian Hughes spokesman for Smart Medicine for Florida. “Passage and implementation of Amendment 2 should never be about recreational use or putting pot shops on every corner.”

The poll was conducted February 28, 2017 through March 2, 2017, and polled 800 Floridians who self-identified as having voted in the 2016 General Election. Respondents were randomly selected from lists of known voters. Geography, race/ethnicity, gender, age and party were matched to the population of 2016 voters. The margin of error at the 95 percent confidence interval is +3.46%.

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METHODOLOGY: Fabrizio, Lee & Associates conducted a Florida statewide survey of 800 self-identified 2016 General Election voters on February 28 – March 2, 2017. Geography, race/ethnicity, gender, age, and party were matched to the population of 2016 voters statewide according to the results of turnout and exit polls. Respondents were randomly selected from lists of known registered voters. The margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for 800 voters is $\pm 3.46\%$

✓ ***Voters who voted Yes on Amendment 2 expect a limited number of medical marijuana dispensaries***

In our recently completed survey, 73% of 2016 voters say they voted for Amendment 2, which legalized medical marijuana use with a doctor’s prescription to help treat various illnesses and diseases. This is only off by 1.7% of the actual number of voters that supported Amendment 2 (71.3%) and well within the margin of error. These voters were asked what their expectation was regarding how many medical marijuana dispensaries would be allowed, and a clear majority (54% - 30%) felt that the state would limit the number of dispensaries when they cast their Yes vote. Allowing an almost unlimited number of dispensaries would clearly go against the wishes of Amendment 2 voters.

<i>When you voted to allow medical marijuana, was your expectation that... (ROTATE 1-2)</i>	<i>n582</i>
The state would only allow a limited number of outlets or dispensaries where it is sold	54
The state would allow almost an unlimited number of outlets or dispensaries where it is sold	30
Unsure/Depends (VOLUNTEERED)	8
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	8

✓ ***Voters believe implementation of Amendment 2 is going too slowly***

2016 voters were asked whether they believed the state was moving too quickly, too slowly, or just about right in implementing the new law. By double-digit margins, voters think the state is moving too slowly. 44% see it this way, compared to 30% who think the state is moving at the right speed and just 9% who think it is going too quickly. Those who voted Yes on Amendment 2 are even more likely to feel the state is dragging its feet in getting this done, with 57% who believe it is going too slowly compared to only 30% who think the state is moving at the right speed.

<i>Regardless of how you voted on the Amendment to allow medical marijuana in Florida, based on what you know, would you say that the state is moving too quickly, too slowly or at about the right speed to implement the new law?</i>	<i>All 2016 Voters</i>	<i>Yes on Amend 2 Voters</i>
Too quickly	9	1
Too slowly	44	57
About right	30	30
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	17	12

✓ ***Governor and Legislature both get poor marks on their efforts to implement Amendment 2***

Pluralities of 2016 voters disapprove of the job both the executive and legislative branches are doing in implementing the state’s new medical marijuana law. Voters disapprove of the legislature by a 3-point margin, 40% - 37%, and disapprove of Gov. Scott by an even greater 7-point margin, 41% - 34%. Independent voters disapprove of the Legislature’s and Governor’s efforts to implement the new medical marijuana laws by even larger margins than voters as a whole.

<i>Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the job _____ is doing in implementing the state’s new medical marijuana law?</i>	State Legis.		Gov. Scott	
	Overall	Indies	Overall	Indies
TOTAL APPROVE	37	38	34	30
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	40	45	41	42
Strongly approve	9	8	11	9
Somewhat approve	28	30	24	21
Somewhat disapprove	17	18	12	11
Strongly disapprove	23	27	28	31
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	23	18	25	29

✓ ***Recreational marijuana has nowhere near the support needed to pass statewide***

Voters were also asked about whether or not they would vote to legalize recreational marijuana in Florida. Only 46% indicated they would vote Yes on such a proposal, a full 14-points short of the 60% needed to pass. Tellingly, 1-in-3 Amendment 2 Yes voters said they would vote against recreational marijuana. Florida’s populace has accepted marijuana as a legitimate medicinal substance for those who need it, but they are not ready to green-light marijuana for the masses.

<i>If there were an election today and there was measure on the ballot to legalize marijuana for recreational use, would you vote yes or no on the measure?</i>	All 2016 Voters	Yes on Amend 2 Voters
TOTAL YES	46	60
TOTAL NO	48	34
Definitely yes	36	47
Probably yes	10	13
Probably no	9	9
Definitely no	39	25
Undecided	5	6

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Democrat	37
Republican	35
Independent	25
Something else	*
Refused (Do Not Read)	2

18-34	23
35-44	16
45-54	14
55-64	23
65+	22
Refused	2

White	62
African American/Black	13
Hispanic	18
Asian American	1
Other	5
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

MALE	47
FEMALE	53
Female, working woman	30
Female, homemaker	15
Female/Refused	8

SOUTHERN	37
Miami DMA	20
West Palm Beach DMA	10
Ft. Myers/Naples DMA	7
CENTRAL	45
Tampa/St. Pete DMA	24

Orlando/Daytona DMA	21
NORTHERN	19
Jacksonville DMA	9
Mobile/Pensacola DMA	4
Tallahassee DMA	3
Gainesville DMA	2
Panama City DMA	2

Donald Trump	46
Hillary Clinton	46
Gary Johnson	3
Jill Stein	1
Other (VOLUNTEERED)	2
Voted, but didn't vote for any Presidential candidate (VOLUNTEERED)	3
Didn't vote (TERMINATE)	-
Refused (TERMINATE)	-