Whereas, the American Association of Poison Control Centers shows more than 7,000 confirmed cases of kids younger than six years old who have eaten marijuana edibles were reported to the nation’s poison control centers between 2017 and 2021; and

Whereas, edibles are often packaged to look like candy or cookies and children unaware of the risks may find them appealing; and

Whereas, consuming too much cannabis can lead to serious health problems in children including confusion, hallucinations, tachycardia and vomiting, and in severe cases children can experience trouble breathing or even coma; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association work with the Food and Drug Administration to strengthen how marijuana manufacturers can advertise their products, including regulations that ensure the packaging does not appeal to children (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA propose public awareness campaigns aimed at informing the general population, especially parents and guardians, about the risks associated with edible cannabis and the importance of safe storage and handling (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA emphasize the importance of childproof packaging for all cannabis products, along with advocating for stricter regulations to enforce this requirement. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000

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