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**WHAT: 11th Annual Global Marijuana March** (GMM) is also known as the Million Marijuana March (MMM). GMM events worldwide are held the first Saturday in May, or thereabouts

**WHY:** Because everyone deserves to know the truth about marijuana.

**WHEN: Saturday, May 1st.** The March starts at 11; the rally starts at **High noon.**

**WHERE: Old Federal Bldg, 7th & Pearl**

**WHO: Speakers;**

**Howard Wooldridge** retired as a detective from Bath Township. As an officer he was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD, for his focus on arresting drunk drivers.

In 2003 he rode 'Paul Revere' style from Georgia to Oregon to educate Americans on the failure of modern prohibition. In 2005 he rode from Los Angeles to New York City advocating a public health approach to drugs. Due to his travels on horseback, he was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society.

**Dr. Arthur Livermore** earned a B.A. in Biology at Oberlin Collage before graduating from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1973. Currently he is conducting cannabis research at the Falcon Cove Biology Laboratory, and is the National Director for the American Alliance for Medical Cannabis. He has been published in numerous professional journals, has traveled throughout the world and is a member of National Thespian Society and the National Honor Society.

**Jim Klahr** is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Dept, of Human Services, Oregon Medical Marijuana program; CEO for Oregon Green Free; Co-Chief Petitioner for Initiative 28; and a OMMP patient, listed with UNOS awaiting a liver on the OHSU transplant program.

**Doug McVay** has been active in drug policy reform efforts since organizing a NORML chapter at the University of Iowa in 1983. He went on to work with Voter Power on the Oregon Marijuana Initiative/Ballot Measure Five campaign during the 1985-1986 election cycle as their petitioning coordinator and assistant director. Doug worked for NORML as their Activists/Projects Coordinator from 1987 to 1990. In 1989, he co-founded and began working with the Cannabis Action Network (CAN). Doug is a member of the Board of Directors of Cannabis Action Network. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Doug was also the editor of Drug War Facts and maintained the Common Sense family of websites, including: CSDP, Drug War Facts, Drug War Distortions, Managing Chronic Pain, and Addict In The Family before moving to the west coast. Doug not works at the Berkeley Patients Center, one of the leading dispensaries in the San Francisco bay area.

**Claire Syrett** is the Field Organizer for the ACLU of Oregon and brings her life-long passion for protecting civil liberties to her work with volunteers and members. Her organizing efforts are focused in region to educate and activate civil liberties supporters on many issues including restoring habeas corpus, protecting and celebrating free speech, limiting the use of Tasers and educating the next generation of civil liberties defenders about their rights. Claire has been with the ACLU of Oregon since 2006.”

**Laird Funk** was a Chief Petitioner for marijuana legalization measures in 1986, 1988 and 1990. In 1991 he unsuccessfully petitioned Board of Pharmacy to reschedule marijuana, then in 1992 authored first his first medical marijuana initiative. In 1993 he wrote SB 865 introduced by Sen. Frank Roberts which passed hearings in Health Committee.(first iteration of principles found in OMMA.) In 1996 he was the Co Chief Petitioner on 865 introduced as initiative. In 1997 he helped author the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, then in he was 2006 appointed to the Advisory Committee for Medical Marijuana.

**Christine McGarvin**, MSSW - Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for Medical Marijuana and Chair of the ACMM Outreach Committee, and President of the Oregon Green Free South Chapter in Medford. She has a Master's of Science degree in Social Work, with emphasis on mental health, addictions, and drug policy, and has done additional graduate work in Anthropology. She is currently writing a book about the History of Medical Marijuana in Oregon called The Oregon Pipeline: Cannabis at the Crossroads.

**Dan Koozer** is a co-founder of the Cannabis Liberation Front in 1996, co-founder of the Emerald Empire HempFest in 2003, producer of the Eugene Cannabis TV show, co-founder of the Willamette Valley NORML chapter in 2008 and just became a board member of Voter Power.

**Jim Greig** returned to Oregon in 2005 as the Oregon Organizer for Americans for Safe Access. He has lobbied for patients rights in Salem and in Washington DC. Jim has on be been a member of the Board of Directors for Voter Power Foundation since 2006. He is also a Co Founder and Board member of Willamette Valley NORML.

Jim Greig and Dan Koozer have been organizing the Global Marijuana March in Eugene for the last five years, and will serve as Masters of Ceremonies again this year.

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