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Vote Hemp

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WHY HEMP?

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Vote Hemp is a national, single-issue, non-profit advocacy group founded in 2000 by members of the hemp industry to remove barriers to industrial hemp farming in the U.S. through education, [legislation](#) and advocacy. We work to build grassroots support for hemp through voter education, registration and mobilization, as well as defend against any new laws, regulations or policies that would prohibit or restrict hemp trade.

Industrial hemp is the non-psychoactive, low-THC, [oilseed and fiber varieties](#) of the *Cannabis sativa* plant. Hemp has absolutely no use as a recreational drug.



Vote Hemp is proud to announce **Hemp History Week 2011, a week-long celebration of the benefits of hemp health and sustainability, May 2nd-8th, 2011.**

Hemp History Week is a national grassroots education campaign designed to renew strong support for hemp farming in the U.S. This year, health advocates such as physician Dr. Andrew Weil, actress and author Alicia Silverstone and TV personality and consumer advocate Phil Lempert will join with leading hemp products companies, natural foods retailers and passionate volunteers to advocate for U.S. farmers who wish to grow industrial hemp.

To learn more about how you can get involved please visit HempHistoryWeek.com.

Please make a donation to Vote Hemp!

We had a very successful year in 2010! Five states introduced hemp legislation, with Colorado passing a hemp resolution and Minnesota passing a hemp study bill. The passage of industrial hemp legislation on the state level is just one part of our multi-faceted strategy to get hemp farmed and processed here in the U.S. once again. Please [click here](#) to read the year end wrap-up. With your help we can continue on our mission.

Vote Hemp depends entirely on contributions from supporters like you to do our work. Your [contribution](#) to us will help in many different ways.

<p>REGISTER TO VOTE</p>  <p>Your Vote Can Make a Difference.</p> <p>▶ Register Now</p>	<p>SUPPORT VOTE HEMP</p> <p>We at Vote Hemp invite you to join our campaign to put an end to more than 70 years of unlawful hemp prohibition through education, activism & donations...</p>  <p>▶ Donate Now</p>	<p>RECEIVE FREE UPDATES</p> <p>Join the Vote Hemp Action Alert email list to receive regular updates & information about industrial hemp.</p>  <p>▶ Join Now</p>
<p>TAKE ACTION</p> <p>We need to educate legislators about the myriad benefits of industrial hemp. Please take a moment to send your legislators a letter, fax or email today.</p>  <p>▶ Act Now</p>		

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