

# New Mexico Industrial Hemp Coalition

## We Are...

Citizen advocates who have worked on hemp legislation for New Mexico since 2000 have come together to form the New Mexico Industrial Hemp Coalition. The New Mexico Industrial Hemp Coalition is established to represent and to further the interests of various hemp industry stakeholders including growers, processors, manufacturers, retailers and investors.

At the national level, the NMIHC advocates for policy reform to remove Industrial Hemp from Schedule I status on the Controlled Substance Act, the barrier which currently prohibits full spectrum growth of the hemp industry in the United States.

At the State level, the NMIHC serves as a clearinghouse of information, laying the groundwork for a viable and sustainable new industry.

Our diverse group currently includes:

- Farmers, who realize hemp's value-added potential to create over 100 different products and the revenue per acre this crop can provide
- Established Retailers, who seek local sources for products to reduce overhead costs
- Interested Investors, who see Industrial Hemp's economic opportunity
- Government Officials, who see the increased job and economic development opportunities a New Mexico Industrial Hemp industry will bring to our state
- Rural Advocates, who know Industrial Hemp as a means towards sustainable agriculture

## Our accomplishments

During the 2009 legislative session, House Memorial 47 (sponsored by Representative Ray Begaye) and Senate Memorial 30 (sponsored by Senator Cisco McSorley) were passed and requested an investigation and feasibility study of state incentives for the commercialization of industrial hemp in New Mexico.

In 2012 an Industrial Hemp Task Force was commissioned by New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Secretary Jeff M. Witte, at the request of the New Mexico Industrial Hemp Coalition and supporters. The result of that effort was the Industrial Hemp Task Force Report, 2012 which summarizes research and findings regarding the potential utility and economic practicality of legalizing the cultivation of industrial hemp in New Mexico.

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