

## **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF COLORADO SUPPORTS CALL FOR INCREASED ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

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Denver, CO– The Epilepsy Foundation has taken a strong position to improve access to medical marijuana for people living with epilepsy. Co-authored by board chairman, Warren Lammert, and president and CEO, Phil Gattone, the announcement specifically calls for increased medical access and research, supporting the rights of patients and families living with seizures to incorporate medical marijuana as part of their physician directed care.

Anecdotal reports of significant seizure reduction in children in Colorado Springs treated with a particular form of marijuana, has placed Colorado at the epicenter of the issue. The treatment now known as “Charlotte’s Web” is derived from a marijuana plant that was developed to contain very low levels of TCH – marijuana’s psychoactive ingredient – and exceptionally high levels of cannabidiol, or CBD.

“Because medical marijuana is legal in Colorado, and the compelling results we’re seeing with the use of cannabidiol for some children here in our own backyard, we have a heightened responsibility to push for immediate action,” said Gail Pundsack, executive director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado.

“Extensive research is critical, and time is of the essence. On behalf of the 50,000 men, women and children living with epilepsy in Colorado, we are proud to support this national call to action.”

NOTE: The complete statement and call to action is attached. It is also posted online at [epilepsycolorado.org](http://epilepsycolorado.org).

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### About Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado

The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is to lead the fight to stop seizures, overcome the challenges created by epilepsy, and find a cure. The Foundation’s services are available to more than 50,000 Coloradans living with epilepsy and their families. All programs are free or offered at a low cost with scholarships available.