



MEDIA ADVISORY

National and Local Hemp Advocates, Farmers and Veterans to Gather on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall before Willie Nelson Concert to Raise American Hemp Flag to Support Congressional Bill to Legalize Industrial Hemp

Local media and the public are invited on Wednesday (May 25th) to attend a rally of hemp advocates and “special guests” who will join together to raise an American flag made of industrial hemp grown by American farmers in support of legalizing industrial hemp. The flag has also flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Who: Michael Bowman Chair, National Hemp Association (NHA)
Jason Amatucci Exec. Director, Virginia Industrial Hemp Coalition (VIHC)
Mike Lewis Founder, Growing Warriors; Kentucky Hemp Farmer/Veteran
James Woolsey Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Former Under Secretary, United States Navy

Where: Flagpole at the East end of the Charlottesville Downtown Mall near the Visitor's Center.

When: 4:00 pm Flag Raising
Media are advised to show up one hour early for advance interviews

Why: The 5/25 date is significant to coincide with H.R. 525, the Industrial Hemp Farming Act (S. 134), which farming groups, environmental organizations, and hemp advocates are working to pass in Congress. This bill will provide tens of thousands of jobs for American farmers and rural farming families.

Interview requests:

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About the Virginia Industrial Hemp Coalition (VIHC)

The VIHC has helped draft and pass industrial hemp legalization legislation in Virginia to put the State in a solid position to take advantage of the emerging hemp industry. The Coalition also works on the Federal level to change the erroneous laws pertaining to industrial hemp in the United States.

About the National Hemp Association (NHA)

The National Hemp Association is dedicated to the re-birth of industrial hemp in America. The Colorado-based 501c (6) non-profit trade association is a mission-driven organization whose members include farmers, processors, manufactures, researchers, investors, and policy makers with a shared goal to make industrial hemp a fully legal crop in the U.S. NHA has three missions: educate, advocate and support hemp farmers and hemp businesses to grow the hemp industry in the United States.