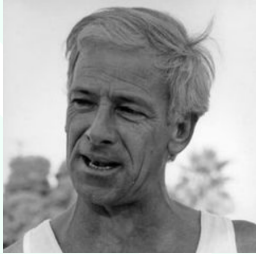


## LEGENDARY FIGURES

### Dennis Peron



Dennis is known as Father of Medical Marijuana. He wrote many pieces of legislation including California Proposition 215, the first medical marijuana bill to pass in the United States.

### "Brownie Mary" Rathbun



Medical cannabis rights activist. As a hospital volunteer at San Francisco General Hospital, she became known for baking and distributing cannabis brownies to AIDS patients.

### Harvey Milk



The first openly gay elected official of the state of California, served as San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Harvey helped pass California Proposition W shortly before he was assassinated.

### Ah Warner



Founder of Women of Weed. CEO of Cannabis Basics. Helped co-author legislation in Washington State to have cannabis health and beauty aids (CHABA) sold legally in mainstream markets.

The Full Spectrum's mission is to enhance and sustain LGBTQ diversity, inclusion, and access within the cannabis industry and community.

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# The **QUEER** History of **CANNABIS LEGALIZATION** in the **UNITED STATES**



How cannabis was legalized in response to the AIDS crisis.



**1619** - King James I mandates that the colonizers were required to grow at least 100 hemp plants each to export back to England.

**1914** - The first federal reserve notes were created, which were made with hemp paper.

**1937** - [The Marijuana Tax Act](#) was enacted, making cannabis federally illegal.

**1960's** - Police brutality towards the queer community was increasing nation-wide.

**1969** - The queer community fought back against raiding police officers for three straight days with transgender women of color leading the charge during what is now known as the Stonewall Riots. Dennis Peron returns from the Vietnam War.

**1971** - President Nixon declared a "War on Drugs".

**1972** - Dennis started working on his first political campaign, [California Proposition 19](#). This was the first attempt to legalize marijuana by voting in the history of the United States. Prop 19 failed, only getting about 33% approval.

**1973** - Dennis works on Harvey Milk's campaign for supervisor.

**1974** - Dennis opened The Island Restaurant & The Big Top Pot Supermarket, where they served vegan food, and pot smoking was "nearly mandatory".

**1975** - California decriminalized cannabis by passing [Senate Bill 95](#), The Moscone Act, named after San Francisco Mayor Moscone.

**1977** - Harvey Milk became the first openly-gay elected official in United States history.

**1978** - Dennis & Harvey drafted and collected signatures for [Proposition W](#), (as in weed) to stop arresting and prosecuting those caught growing, cultivating, selling, and using cannabis. Prop W passed by 63%. Three weeks later, Harvey Milk and Mayor Moscone were assassinated. Diane Feinstein became mayor of San Francisco and never enacted Prop W even though it passed.

**1980** - Nancy Reagan launches "Just Say No" campaign.

**1981** - The first cases of AIDS were discovered. Mary Rathbun was arrested for the first time and sentenced to 500 hours community service, which she completed in record time, working for a gay thrift shop and for an AIDS support group. Long before there were adequate meds, it was quickly realized how beneficial cannabis was for the symptoms- nausea, pain, appetite loss, inflammation, and more. Mary started making hundreds of brownies a day and distributed them to sick people free of charge.

**1982** - The police officer that arrested Mary the first time saw her again, searched her purse, and found brownies. Mary was arrested for a second time.

**1983** - San Francisco AIDS Ward opens. Mary starts volunteering here, which she did weekly for years.

**1985** - President Regan finally mentions AIDS publicly for the first time.

**1986** - Mary was honored as Ward 86's "Volunteer of the Year". AZT was approved to treat AIDS, even though it was highly toxic, and previously shelved as a cancer medicine. Patients on AZT began dying faster and more often than those without.

**1990** - Dennis & his lover Johnathan's home was raided. The police found four ounces of Johnathan's flower. Dennis was jailed. Johnathan testified the weed was his, and then passed away two weeks later. Dennis & Mary started working on [California Proposition P](#) (as in "pot").

**1991** - [California Proposition P](#) passed with 80% support. California added cannabis to its list of approved medicines for the treatment of AIDS, glaucoma, cancer, and other illnesses.

**1992** - Mary was arrested for third time, which made global news. Mary testified that her deliveries were to help those in need, not to advance individual greed. Even though there was concrete evidence against her, all charges were dropped. San Francisco declares August 25th "Brownie Mary Day".

Dennis pulls off a Publicity Stunt, showing a fake cannabis club on the news. Hundreds of people with HIV called to ask how to join the club. Dennis set out to create a real club.

**1994** - The San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club opens. It was very public and very illegal.

**1996** - Dennis and his business partner John Entwistle co-authored [California Proposition 215](#) - The first ever state-wide medical marijuana bill to pass, and did so with 55% of the vote. This allowed patients to possess and cultivate cannabis for personal medical use with the recommendation of a physician.

**2015** - Ah Warner helped co-author legislation in Washington State to have Cannabis Health And Beauty Aids (CHABA) sold legally in mainstream markets like PCC and Wholefoods.