
Female Entrepreneur Celebrates 25 Years in Cannabis!

Beating all odds, fighting through prohibition, stigma and painful regulation of Cannabis.



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Seattle Washington Feb. 11, 2020. Ah Warner, Founder and CEO of Cannabis Basics and Hemp Basics has much to celebrate. Conceived in the later part of 1994 her company, then Cannabis Creations, was licensed in both the city and state by July of 1995. Tenacious and passionate, Warner has worked for decades for the full emancipation of the cannabis plant in both her rolls as activist and business woman. She is the longest commercially active cannabis topical manufacturer in the country.

Possibly her crown jewel of accomplishments is co-authoring and orchestrating through Olympia, the ground breaking legislation for **Cannabis Health and Beauty Aids aka, CHABA**. Enacted on July 1st, 2015, RCW 69.50.575 **defines non-intoxicating topical applications with <85mg or <.3% THC in a 1oz. volume as “not usable marijuana”**. In fact, CHABA was the first removal of anything cannabis out of any state’s controlled substances act (CSA). As a result, CHABA cannot be regulated or penalized like marijuana in the state of Washington. This law opened a new market for retailers and also allows for licensed massage practitioners and all natural care providers to use and sell low level THC topicals, growing a new piece of the cannabis pie. CHABA is profound law that the majority of Washingtonians are still unaware of. Almost five years later Washington state remains the only state in the entire country with THC topicals in non-marijuana outlets, such as health, hardware, and specialty retail stores. CHABA are not to be confused with CBD-only products, CHABA specifically have THC in them.

Other major accomplishments:

- In partnership with Crown Pacific Fine Foods, **a groundbreaking mainstream distribution deal** was struck in 2016. The deal was the first of it’s kind in the country, for a cannabis company and opened a supply chain to grocers like PCC, Met. Mkt. and others to sell Cannabis Basics CHABA, providing access to all natural, whole plant, cannabis topicals to all Washington consumers.
- In August 2015, Ah’s company was granted the **first ever Federal TM registration** for a brand logo composed of both the cannabis leaf and the word “cannabis”. This was novel protection of intellectual property for a product with cannabis in it.
- Warner founded and directs the **International Cannabis Health and Beauty Aids Producers Alliance (ICHABAPA)**. She is also the Founder and Director of **Women of Weed**, a private social club of female cannabis activists and entrepreneurs from around the world.