



### **Geoffrey W. Whaling**

He has volunteered for five years to advance the hemp crop and serves as Chair of the ***National Hemp Association***, the nation's largest Hemp advocacy group based in Washington D.C. Considered the leading non-partisan voice for the industry Whaling has worked with more than 18 States, stakeholder groups such as NASDA, COGR, NFU, Farm Bureau and American Farm Association, The White House, US Senators, Members of Congress and their staff to pass federal legislation legalizing hemp as a commodity crop and removing it from the Controlled Substance Act. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of the ***National Farmers Union*** Pa Chapter, and Founding Board Member of the ***Coalition for Access Now*** and ***Athletes 4 Care***, the two largest CBD advocacy groups in the United States.

Until recently Geoffrey W. Whaling was *Co-Founder and President of **HIP Developments LLC***, a wholly owned division of Canopy Growth Corporation and ***Strategic Advisor, CBD and Hemp*** to Canopy Growth USA, the world's largest Hemp and Cannabis Company, with operations in 12 countries, based in Smith Falls Ontario Canada. In those roles, Geoff lead CGC's expansion into the Hemp and CBD industry in the United States.

Born in Canada, a dual citizen Geoff Whaling's areas of expertise are wide ranging given the diversity of his government, business, entrepreneurial and philanthropic work. A profound sense of "wanting to serve" remains an integral part in his life.