

REQUESTED BY:  
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LAW DEPARTMENT  
DRAFT NO. 3675

TITLE

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING THAT A "STATE OF EMERGENCY" EXISTS IN THE CITY OF WARREN DUE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS AND STRONGLY URGES STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO RESPOND IN KIND BY DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TO FOLLOW-UP WITH THE RELEASE OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDING NEEDED TO AID WITH THIS DEVASTATING CRISIS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4615/17

WHEREAS, the City of Warren, the Council of the City of Warren and the Board of Trumbull County Commissioners are greatly disturbed by the report of an unpredictable rise in opiate overdoses in Trumbull County and declares that an emergency situation exists in the City of Warren and the County of Trumbull; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Administration and members of this Council are committed to leading the City of Warren in advancing the needed recovery to achieve health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio leads the nation in opioid overdose deaths. An average of eight people die as a result of a drug overdose each day in Ohio, one death every three hours; and

WHEREAS, the number of fentanyl-related drug overdose deaths throughout the State of Ohio continues to increase each year from 84 in 2013, to 503 in 2014, to 1,155 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, within Trumbull County, there were 54 overdose deaths in 2014, 87 in 2015 and 106 in 2016; and

WHEREAS, opiate prescription rates have decreased; however, heroin, fentanyl, and carfentanil continue to be more and more accessible in our community; and

WHEREAS, the rise in opioid use and abuse in Trumbull County creates a threat to the health, safety and welfare of all City and County residents; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Administration and Council of the City of Warren urges the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Ohio General Assembly, and the Ohio's congressional Delegation to declare the opiate epidemic an emergency, prioritizing the needs of Ohioans impacted by opioid addiction by dramatically increasing investments in prevention, treatment, recovery support, education and interdiction efforts to end this epidemic.

Section 2: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason to end this devastating epidemic. WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2017.

