

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There has been a sharp rise in the usage of synthetic opioids and cannabinoids; and

WHEREAS, Legal prescribed opioids painkillers has quadrupled since 1999, and;

WHEREAS, More than 650,000 opioid prescriptions are dispensed every day, and;

WHEREAS, According to HHS in 2016, more than 10 million people reported nonmedical use of prescription opioids, and;

WHEREAS, Chronic misuse of opioids can lead to negative health results, increases risk of infection, HIV and Hepatitis, and;

WHEREAS, Opioid-dependent infants have a higher risk for respiratory and neurological diseases, and;

WHEREAS, Opioid-related overdose deaths is now the leading cause of accidental death with 33,091 U.S. deaths in 2015 and most likely will exceed 59,000 deaths in 2016, and;

WHEREAS, The “Dark Web” has become a major distribution venue for synthetic opioids such like Fentanyl and Carfentanil, and;

WHEREAS, Legally prescribed opioids have spurred the recent spike in illegal drugs, such as Heroin, and;

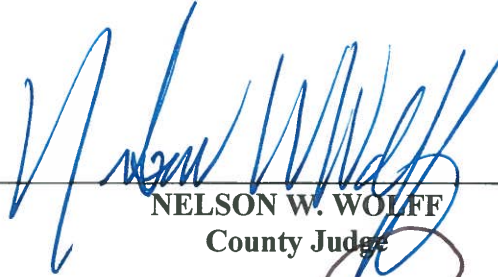
WHEREAS, Texas had 1,186 opioid related deaths in 2015, and;

WHEREAS, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton recently joined a multi-state investigation into the marketing and sales of prescription opioids.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bexar County Commissioners Court approve the creation of a taskforce to develop a plan to educate and disseminate information to the public about the hazards of synthetic and opiate-related compounds. The task force will also explore various treatment

programs, law enforcement policies and federal and state laws and regulations that are needed to curtail distribution.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Bexar County Commissioners Court on this 20th day of June, 2017, in Bexar County, Texas.



NELSON W. WOLFF
County Judge



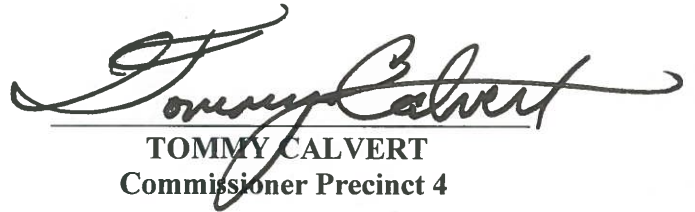
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