

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-192**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY TO DECLARE AUGUST 31, 2018, AS “OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY;” URGING APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL (S.) 2456 AND HOUSE BILL (H.R.) 5311; SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL FEDUP RALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON OCTOBER 7, 2018; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO SENATOR BILL NELSON, SENATOR MARCO RUBIO, CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 72,000 people died in the United States as a result of a drug poisoning (overdose) or 197 per day during 2017, the most current reporting year; and

**WHEREAS**, drug poisoning (overdose) is the number one cause of injury deaths in the nation with an accidental drug overdose death occurring every seven minutes, surpassing deaths from motor vehicle accidents or gun homicides; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Medical Examiners Commission, there were 3,234 accidental deaths in the State of Florida during 2018 caused by a prescription drug poisoning (overdose), representing a 48 percent increase over the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction is an American Medical Association defined disease and the stigma associated with addiction must be addressed so that no one feels shame or disgrace over a legal or illegal drug poisoning (overdose); and

**WHEREAS**, by acknowledging all those who have been affected by prescription drug poisoning (overdose), we can help the general public understand its effects on our communities, including the community of Coconut Creek, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek remains committed to raising awareness about prescription drug poisoning (overdose) prevention in order to combat stigma and educate our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek urges the support of these two very comprehensive bills that provide for public education and prescribing limits by doctors on a national level and provide funding to local governments and first responders for naloxone and training:

A. S. 2456, "The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 2.0," was introduced into the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on February 27, 2018 and it proposes to:

1. Fund a national drug awareness campaign, and
2. Provide limits on initial prescriptions for opioids by limiting them to three (3) days while exempting chronic care (i.e. cancer and/or palliative care), and
3. Provide \$300,000,000 in funds annually to make naloxone available to first responders and train them to use it, and
4. Require the Department of Health and Human Services to issue quality standards and best practices for operating recovery housing in the United States based on National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, require the use of the prescription drug monitoring program database to track opioid prescriptions (for doctors nationwide), and
5. To increase civil and criminal penalties for opioid manufacturers that fail to report suspicious orders, and

B. H.R. 5311, "The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) 2.0," was introduced into the Committees on Energy and Commerce; Judiciary; and Education and the Workforce on March 15, 2018 and proposes to:

1. Fund a national drug awareness campaign, and
2. Provide limits on initial prescriptions for opioids by limiting them to three (3) days while exempting chronic care (i.e. cancer and/or palliative care), and
3. Provide \$300,000,000 in funds annually to make naloxone available to first responders and train them to use it, and
4. Require the Department of Health and Human Services to issue quality standards and best practices for operating recovery housing in the United States based on National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR) standards, require the use of the prescription monitoring program database to track opioid prescriptions (for doctors nationwide), and
5. To increase civil and criminal penalties for opioid manufacturers that fail to report suspicious orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek desires to show its support for the National FEDUP Rally being held in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2:** That the City Commission hereby finds, proclaims, and declares August 31, 2018, as "Overdose Awareness Day," urges the approval of S. 2456 and H.R. 5311, and supports the National FEDUP Rally being held in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 2018.

**Section 3:** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Ted Deutch, the National League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward League of Cities.

**Section 4:** That if any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

**Section 5:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

**Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.**

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Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

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Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Rydell	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>