



## Legislation Text

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## AGENDA ITEM REPORT

### **TITLE:**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ("CDC") AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ("DOJ") TO CURTAIL THE OVERPRESCRIBING OF OPIOIDS BY PHYSICIANS THROUGH MORE PHYSICIAN EDUCATION AS WELL AS BETTER RISK ASSESSMENT OF PATIENTS; STRENGTHENING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS IN EVERY STATE; ENSURING SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL; SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE CITY-COUNTY NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION SHARING FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that 3.8 million people ages 12 and older are currently misusing prescription pain relievers in our country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), opioids are commonly prescribed for pain. In 2012 alone, healthcare providers wrote 259 million prescriptions for opioid pain medication, enough for every adult in the United States to have a bottle of pills. Opioid pain medication use presents serious risks, including overdose and opioid use disorder. From 1999 to 2014, more than 165,000 persons died from overdose related to opioid pain medication in the United States.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of Coconut Creek supports the combined efforts of the United States CDC and the Department of Justice ("DOJ") in strengthening prescription drug monitoring programs and ensuring safe drug disposal, and supports the efforts of the National League of Cities and National Association of Counties in educating cities and counties.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A