

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2015, Legislative Day No. 3

Resolution No. 8-15

Introduced by Mr. Walker, Chairman
(by request of the County Executive)
and by the Entire Council

By the County Council, February 2, 2015

1 RESOLUTION expressing support for the County Executive's recognition of the public
2 health emergency presented by the use of heroin in Anne Arundel County and the County
3 Executive's efforts to raise awareness of this crisis and to eradicate the use of heroin in Anne
4 Arundel County.

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6 WHEREAS, the use of heroin and other opiates is a major public health emergency,
7 which impacts all residents of Anne Arundel County, regardless of age, sex, race, or
8 socioeconomic status; and

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10 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County experienced approximately one heroin-related
11 intoxication death a week in 2014; and

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13 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County ranked third in the rate of heroin-related
14 intoxication deaths among the five largest Maryland jurisdictions in 2013; and

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16 WHEREAS, heroin-related intoxication deaths in Anne Arundel County increased
17 128% between 2010 and 2013, and heroin-related emergency department visits in
18 Anne Arundel County increased 161% between 2010 and 2013; and

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20 WHEREAS, many opiate overdose fatalities may be prevented through timely
21 administration of naloxone followed by entry into effective substance use disorder
22 treatment; and

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24 WHEREAS, the use of heroin and other substances contributes significantly to
25 criminal activity in Anne Arundel County and burdens the criminal justice system; and

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27 WHEREAS, the County Executive desires to raise awareness of this public health
28 emergency and to help families, friends, teachers, and other community members
29 understand that everyone has a role to play in preventing the abuse and fatal overdose
30 of heroin; now, therefore, be it

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32 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That the County*
33 *Council expresses its support of the County Executive's recognition of the public health*
34 *emergency presented by the use of heroin in Anne Arundel County and the County*

1 Executive's efforts to raise awareness of this emergency and to eradicate the use of heroin in
2 Anne Arundel County, through measures aimed at prevention, education, treatment, and
3 recovery initiatives, as well as through enhanced criminal enforcement; and be it further
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5 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steven R. Schuh, County Executive.


READ AND PASSED this 2nd day of February, 2015

By Order:



Elizabeth E. Jones
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 8-15 IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND DULY ADOPTED BY
THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.


Jerry Walker
Chairman