



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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RESOLUTION NO. 23-17

Recommended Action:

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 23-17 supporting the recent efforts by federal agencies, to help reduce opioid misuse, addiction, and overdose, and directing City officials and City staff to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Background:

On an average day across the county, at least 78 people will die from an opioid-related overdose, 3,900 people will use a prescription opioid outside of legitimate medical purposes and supervision, and 580 people will try heroin for the first time. The City of Delray Beach continues to see dramatic increases in overdoses due to heroin and opioids according to Delray Beach Police Department statistics.

The City believes opioid misuse is a contributing factor to the rise in heroin and opioid related overdoses in the City. Therefore, the City supports the recent efforts by the City-County National Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic in education cities and counties. The City previously adoption Resolution 55-16 which supported the combined efforts of the CDC and DOJ in reducing the number of opioid prescription and ensuring safe disposal.

If adopted, a copy of this Resolution showing the City's support will be sent to all cities within Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, Governor Rick Scott, Senator Jeff Clemens, Representative Al Jacquet, the National League of Cities, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio, and Congresswoman Lois Frankel.