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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION # 16 - 2023

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO ALLOW
FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ALL U.S. FOOD AND
DRUG ADMINISTRATION APPROVED OPIOID
OVERDOSE REVERSAL AGENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic was designated a public health emergency by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in the years since, the public health emergency has continually been renewed – most recently on July 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, data from the Office of Drug Surveillance and Misuse Prevention found that there were 5,144 drug overdose deaths in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General estimates that an average of 14 Pennsylvanians die every day from overdose; and

WHEREAS, data from the National Center for Health Statistics shows that for each opioid fatality it is estimated that there are 6.4 to 8.4 non-fatal overdoses that can lead to long-term physical and mental disability; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of synthetic opioids – including Fentanyl – has exacerbated the opioid crisis in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths in 2022 affected people ages 11 to 74 in Dauphin County; and

WHEREAS, synthetic opioids are highly potent and can stay in the body longer and can shorten the window in which an overdose can occur; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of Narcan (Naloxone) has proven effective at stopping an overdose from occurring; and

WHEREAS, Narcan was used repeatedly the weekend of September 9 to save lives, as 22 overdoses and nine drug-related deaths were reported in Dauphin County, prompting an all-hands-on-deck response and Harrisburg Mayor Wanda Williams to label the situation a “crisis”; and

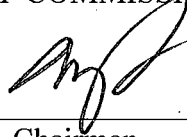
WHEREAS, the County of Dauphin has established the Opioid Remediation Grant program to administer federal funds dedicated to addiction prevention, treatment and recovery projects and programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

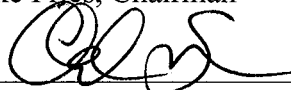
1. That the County of Dauphin supports the continued use of Narcan (Naloxone) to help prevent overdose deaths.
2. That the County of Dauphin hereby encourages the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to update its relevant standing orders and health guidelines to allow for the utilization of all U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved opioid overdose reversal agents.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to Dauphin County's federal and state delegations and to the Office of Governor Josh Shapiro; Secretary of Drug & Alcohol Programs Dr. Latika Davis-Jones; and Acting Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon it having been recorded in the minutes of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, and the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners hereby directs that this Resolution be recorded immediately following its adoption.
5. This Resolution was duly adopted by a motion of the Board.

ADOPTED, this 27 day of September, 2023, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania in lawful session duly assembled.

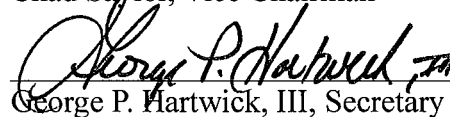
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Mike Pries, Chairman

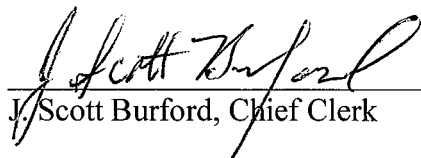


Chad Saylor, Vice Chairman



George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

ATTEST:



J. Scott Burford, Chief Clerk