



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic is impacting our nation's citizens, with an estimated 64,000 people losing their lives to overdoses each year; and

WHEREAS, communities including Framingham are overwhelmed by the opioid misuse epidemic and are struggling to respond meaningfully to the challenge; and

WHEREAS, we believe that substance use disorder must be seen as a chronic and debilitating illness, rather than a criminal act, opening the door for treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Framingham has already acknowledged this is a major problem for our community by the Mayor joining in legal action to obtain compensation and mitigation for the City and the victims of this epidemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Framingham City Council supports and encourages all City agencies, especially the School Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Health Department and the Mayor's office to continue to pursue ongoing efforts to assist those impacted by this public health emergency, by considering and implementing some or all of the following educational and assistance measures including:

- ✓ Raise awareness of the crisis by holding a public demonstration such as the purple flag demonstration or hosting the opioid art project or any other well- conceived public event.
- ✓ Increase training in the administration of Narcan beyond first responders to include school nurses, coaches and local businesses.
- ✓ Work with Metrowest Medical Center to obtain licensing for the hospital to administer suboxone for victims of opioid overdoses.
- ✓ Look to develop economic incentives for local business who hire people in recovery from this disease.
- ✓ Consider advocating for bail reform to allow treatment instead of punishment.
- ✓ Encourage residents to take the "Stop the Stigma" pledge.
- ✓ Create a task force of stakeholders to consider and implement these and other initiatives so Framingham can be a leader in this important effort.

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Offered by the Framingham City Council whose signatures follow:



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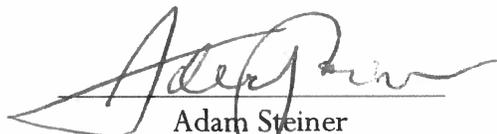
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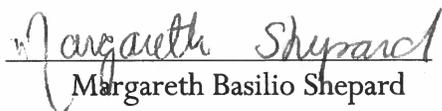
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