

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06

A Resolution concerning

EMERGENCY DRUG CRISIS IN CHARLES COUNTY

FOR the purpose of eliciting the support of all local, State and Federal agencies to support of the efforts of Charles County to identify solutions addressing the increase in the number of heroin related deaths and overdoses in the County.

WHEREAS, Southern Maryland has seen a 53% increase in heroin-related deaths in the people between the ages of 15-24; and a 59% increase in heroin-related fatalities in people between the ages of 35-44; and

WHEREAS, this substantial increase in heroin/opiate overdoses and heroin-related deaths must be addressed immediately to avoid the potential loss of the lives of many young men and women; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland that recommendations for a plan of action to combat this crisis be requested from the County Health Officer, the Sheriff, the State's Attorney, Judges and all Federal and State officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these recommendations be sent to the Board of County Commissioners by May 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a roundtable discussion be established in order to hear from families whose lives are being destroyed by heroin, opiates, cocaine, bath salt, and other illegal drugs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the is Resolution be sent to Congressman Hoyer, Governor O'Malley, Lt. Governor Brown, Senator Middleton, and chair of the County Legislative Delegation, Delegate Jameson, requesting, as soon as possible, funding for any in-patient beds and/or detox beds available in the Southern Maryland region that are currently unfunded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the initiatives set forth in the Resolution shall be coordinated by the County Administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect on the date of adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2014.

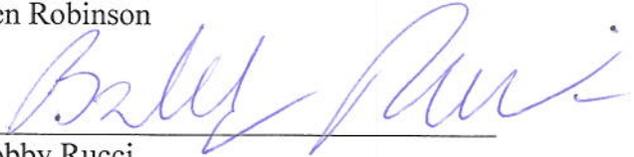
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