

**RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORTING THE COUNTY "C.L.E.A.R." PROGRAM –  
COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDICTION  
RECOVERY**

**WHEREAS**, it is well-established that drug use and addiction is a major problem that impacts all of us on multiple levels; individuals, families and communities bear the many ill-effects that it has on our safety, health and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the alarming reality of the heroin/opiate epidemic, in particular, has created an urgent need to work together to reverse these trends; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three people are affected by substance use disorders, no matter their occupation, income level, race or community status; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 there were 25 overdose deaths in Sussex County due to heroin, prescription medications and illicit substances as well as 44 overdoses where Narcan was used to revive a person; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that for any anti-drug program to be effective, strong enforcement must be supported by an effort to reduce the demand for illegal substances and this is best accomplished through continued prevention education along with improved access to treatment and recovery support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that we do hereby resolve our support of the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. – Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery program whose mission it is to form a collaborative network of professionals in our community who will facilitate medical intervention, improved access to treatment and recovery support for those struggling with drug addiction who seek assistance, without fear of arrest or prosecution, in order to make a positive difference in the quality of life for individuals, families and our entire community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge Sussex County Municipalities to similarly adopt resolutions in support of the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. Program and for individuals to visit [www.clearprogram.org](http://www.clearprogram.org) to learn more and join in support of this important community program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Clerk of each of the 24 municipalities within Sussex County; and a copy is available in On-Base.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.



Catherine M. Williams, Clerk  
Board of Chosen Freeholders  
County of Sussex

RECORD OF VOTE						
FREEHOLDER	AYE	NAY	ABST	ABS	MOVE	SEC
Crabb	✓				✓	
Graham	✓					
Lazzaro	✓					✓
Rose	✓					
Vohden	✓					

ABST – Abstain  
MCVE – Resolution Moved

ABS – Absent  
SEC – Resolution Seconded