

## RESOLUTION

### “Resolution to Support Sussex County CLEAR 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/opioid 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 2016 there were 36 overdose deaths in Sussex County due to heroin, prescription medications and other substances, as well as 52 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Andover, that we do hereby resolve our community's 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 other 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.

### CERTIFICATION

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Andover at a regular meeting of said Governing Body conducted on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall 137 Main Street, Andover.



Beth Brothman, Municipal Clerk