

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2017-35

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUSSEX 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/opioid epidemic, in particular, has created an urgent need to work together to reverse these trends; and

WHEREAS, one (1) in three (3) 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 that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette does 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lafayette Township urges 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 to learn more and join in support of this important community program.

CERTIFICATION

I certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette at a meeting held on November 8, 2017.



AnnaRose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk