

**VERNON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION #16-154
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/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 Council of the Township of Vernon, 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 the Council of the Township of Vernon 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.ciearprogram.org to learn more and join in support of this important community program.

Council President Kadish gave a brief explanation of Resolutions #16-154 and asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #16-154.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Jean Murphy, Sandra Ooms, Patrick Rizzuto, Dick Wetzels, Dan Kadish

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion to adopt Resolution #16-154

June 13, 2016